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Eight Years of Hitlerism Impairs German Health

by Curt Daniel

A SUBJECT OF GREAT interest and importance but about which little is known, is the effect of eight years of Nazi rule on the health of the German people. That so little is known about this matter cannot be credited to the efficiency of satanic little Goebbels' *Propaganda Ministerium* but to the fact that the material is hidden in stacks of reports, statistics, and medical and dental journals; all of which lack "human interest." Anyone who has lived in Germany¹ knows from his own experience that the policies of the Nazis, where they impinged on public health, did and are doing irreparable injury. Stronger than any subjective story

told by the people who lived in the Third Reich, there is a startling story, coldly objective, based solely on these official reports and statistics published by the Nazis themselves.

Before dealing in some detail with this material it would be as well to answer a question which might easily be asked. That is, how is it that the Nazis who are so clever at propaganda, at window dressing and the construction of

Potemkin villages, how is it that they permit the publication of material which contradicts the wonder world they claim to have created? This is a question which I cannot answer satisfactorily, even for myself. One thing is certain, it is not inefficiency.

"About 98 per cent of all the German people suffer from dental caries, which in its turn is responsible for diseases of the stomach, liver, and kidneys," says Reichs Dental Leader Wagner.

¹Daniel, Curt: I Was a Dentist in German Concentration Camps, *ORAL HYGIENE* 31:23 (January) 1941.

It is possible that in certain technological fields the Nazi propagandists do not exert much pressure, as they probably hold that the scientific workers in these fields are numerically unimportant and, anyway, propaganda proof. The Nazis create myths mainly for the common people; for example, one of the myths created by the Nazis is that they have a "socialistic" state. This myth intended only for internal consumption is aimed at fooling the German people. At the same time, as the official propagandists are handing out this pap, the *Handbuch der Deutschen Aktien Gesellschaften* and the Stock Exchange reports show that the German trusts, *I. G. Farben*, *Vereinigte Stahlwerke*, and others, are making bigger profits and paying larger dividends than ever before. The Nazis feel that this contradiction is too technical and out of the way to come to the notice of ordinary people.

Public Health

To come back to the specific subject of public health in the Third Reich, what has been the effect of eight years of Naziism in this vital field? There are two poles of opinion. At one extremity there is Doctor Martin Gumpert, formerly head of the Berlin Dispensary for Deformity Diseases, and well-known as the official biographer of the founder of the Red Cross. Summarizing the effects of German Fascism on the peoples' health, he says that the Third Reich now has:

An increased death rate, a falling birth rate, a declining fecundity, in-

crease in rickets, the physical incapacity of youth, 90 per cent flat feet, a growing criminality, an increase in drunkenness, a doubling of mental diseases, an increase in venereal diseases, a rise in tuberculosis for man and beast, an increase in epidemics, food poisoning, puerperal fever, an increasing mortality rate in the hospitals, a piling up of fatal accidents, a decline in working capacity, new occupational diseases, injury by compulsory sports, an increase in undernourishment of female workers, a shortage of vitamins, and so on.

Then at the other extremity are the Nazis themselves. Hitler, at the Nazi Party rally at Nuremberg in 1935, said, "Our people are becoming visibly more robust." Reich Health Leader Doctor Conti recently claimed that the German people were the healthiest in the world. The truth lies somewhere between these extremes. From the facts and figures, which I have found in official Nazi publications and documents, it would seem to lie somewhat closer to the version of Doctor Gumpert.

Perhaps the most interesting field in which the Nazis have done much work and met with complete failure is that of child welfare and health protection. According to Doctor Walter Friedlaender, international authority on child welfare, the pre-Hitler system, which was one of the best in Europe, has been dragged down to a point bordering on the disastrous. Such diseases as rickets, (exceedingly prevalent in the bad days of post-war Germany) are now on the increase. The head of the Children's Clinic at Kiel University, Professor Rominger, in 1938 issued a report on rickets. He pointed out that in the heavily industrialized



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areas such as the Ruhr, Dresden, and Berlin, an average of about 35 per cent of the children had rickets. As an example, the report mentioned specifically the city of Dortmund where in the bad year of 1924, 42 per cent of the children had rickets, while under the Nazis in the so-called "good year" of 1938, the figure had risen to 55 per cent.

The gold mine of information on most facts of public health in Germany is the official *Statistisches Jahrbuch des Deutschen Reich*. As most of the relevant figures (on public health) show a steady rise over the period 1933-1937, it is reasonable to assume that the incompleteness of the figures after 1937 is a deliberate attempt to cover up something alarming.

A condition, sufficiently widespread as to be causing grave alarm to Nazi officials, throws revealing light on their crazy social structure. This is the rather mundane, but nevertheless serious, defect of flat feet. Ordinarily a condition like flat feet, which is prevalent enough anyway, would not concern the Nazis, but it happens to jolt them in a sensitive place. It has interfered severely with those plans for universal regimentation so dear to the hearts of the Nazis. Time after time the Nazi medical authorities have had to turn in alarming reports on this subject. Just before the outbreak of the present war they reported that over 70 per cent of the children in the Hitler Youth Movement had flat feet or some other abnormal foot condition.

That scientific pursuits are regarded by the Nazis as slightly subnormal is shown clearly by the official attitude toward medicine and dentistry. If there were reasons which made it impossible to get at the root cause of serious ailments in most countries, then it is certain that more technicians would be put to work to handle the condition. Not so in Germany. The whole Nazi setup wallows in mysticism and anti-scientific blah. Medicine and dentistry are no longer the honorable professions they used to be in pre-Hitler Germany. Quackery is not merely on the increase, it is rampant, and has official protection. Some of the present and former party bosses, notably Hess, Hitler's one-time Deputy, actually are "Health Practitioners." Under the aegis of Hess, a law came out February 2, 1939, which secured state recognition for quacks. "Those who feel within themselves a special call to nature healing can dispense with higher education or any form of education." Coincident with that, on April first of that same year the period of study for legitimate medical practitioners was cut down by two years. The last available comparative figures (1937) show that there were 48,848 physicians and 12,407 health practitioners (*Heil-praktiker*). Since then the number of physicians has decreased and the number of quacks risen. The practice of dentistry has also been interfered with by these state-protected "witch-doctors."

There is a stigma attached to study in Nazi Germany. Enroll-

In the official publications of the *Hitler Jugend*—the Nazi organization which bears a superficial resemblance, but only superficial, to the Boy Scout Movement—can be found the schedules for marching. They are worth examining:

Age	Distance in Miles	Long Marches	Pack in Pounds
10	5	—	—
11	6¼	—	—
12	9¼	6¼ to 7½	—
13	11	7½ to 9¼	—
14	12½	9¼	—
15	13½	11	11
16	15½	12½	11
17	15½	12½	15½
18	18½	15½	22

It is obvious even to the layman that marches like this for children suffering from malnutrition can have nothing but serious consequences. There is a definite hiatus between Hitler's wish for a youth "slim and strong, as fast as a greyhound, as tough as leather and as hard as Krupp steel" and the sad reality. What is being built up is a horde of near-cripples.

ment at dental and medical colleges has tapered off to little more than a handful. The position is serious now but what it will be in the future is beyond imagination. After expelling over 12,000 Jewish physicians, some 38,000 physicians were left. More than one-third are now attached to the Army, so that the 25,000 remaining supply the population in a ratio 1:4,000. The situation with regard to dentists is parallel.

The period of study for medicine and dentistry has been shortened. In the case of medicine the total period of study is now ten

semesters, including the internship. It is well-known that students who are party members or S. S. never fail. It is an understood thing that they can never be kept from taking an examination over, for more than six weeks. If they are still unable to pass their examination, they are given the necessary credits notwithstanding.

The depths to which medical science has been dragged by the Nazis can be seen from the following extract from the once famous *Berliner Medizinische Wochenschrift*. At the end of last year a certain Professor Buchinger wrote

the following prize piece of balddash:

Fasting for the healthy man is easier than for the one who is already ill. It strengthens both body and soul. More resistance is developed against infections and spiritual disturbances. If the fast should become a regular habit, innumerable people would be saved from infections and early death. The period of rest, which accompanies the fast, forces the individual often to work out a new order for his life. Regular fasts for a few days or even weeks would be of enormous advantage for the whole German people.

Food Shortage

The official weekly ration of fats is 5 ounces per week. In fact the average German is lucky to get half this amount. The lack of sufficient supply of protein is admitted. Professor A. Bickel wrote in the *Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift*: "The supply of protein for the German people in 1939 was insufficient." About the results of the food shortage the Nazis are more vocal. One obvious result is an increase in sickness. In 1938 the important Wiesbaden conference of the Society for Internal Medicine reported to the Government that the deficiency of Vitamin B₁ was partly responsible for the phenomenal increase in disease. The Reichs Sickness Insurance Bureau reported that registered sickness claims had increased 20 per cent since the Nazi *Machtübernahme* of January, 1933. The lack of protective foods over a period of eight years has resulted in an all-round lowering of resistance. Ordinary complaints, coughs and digestive disorders, develop into serious ailments. Minor ailments become aggravated, be-

cause of the fear of seeking medical assistance in view of the Nazi branding of sickness as "anti-social behavior."

One of the reasons for the enormous number of non-Germans (Poles, Czechs, Danes, Dutch) working in Germany is to make up the labor shortage partly caused by illness. The official *Deutscher Volkswirt* No. 32 of 1939 reported, "In 1938, 200 million work days were lost, 12,000,000 attributable to digestive disorders alone; on the average, every German worker, male or female, lost one day through stomach trouble and more than two weeks through other sickness."

Dentistry Unimportant

The effect of a debased standard of living is observable from the dentistry angle. The Nazis now regard the practice and study of dentistry as of so little importance that no attempt is made to cover up the situation. At the beginning of the war Reichs Dental Leader Wagner addressed a closed meeting of German dentists on the terrible state of German teeth. *Zahnärztliche Rundschau* No. 47, for 1939, printed part of his speech (and possibly not the worst part), "We are living in a period of catastrophic dental decay. About 98 per cent of all the German people suffer from dental caries which in its turn is responsible for diseases of the stomach, liver, and kidneys. Ninety per cent of children between 6 and 14 have dental caries as a result of malnutrition."

Such is the Nazi mentality that

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a problem only assumes importance when it threatens to interfere with military power. The question of human value does not arise. In the middle of last year Professor Franz Matthies complained, "Every fifteenth German is militarily unfit because of dental caries. As a result the German Army is short of two Army Corps, a thing which may have important consequences in the near future."

What the Nazis have done to mental health is a repetition of the foregoing. The connection between a political regime of total suppression and mental health is obvious. Germany now has the highest suicide rate in the world. According to the *Statistisches Jahrbuch*, for 1938, out of every ten thousand deaths 4.1 are suicides. The number of patients in mental hospitals rose steadily from 1933, and in 1936 amounted to 346,014. A psychiatrist in a great North German institute remarked to the writer that since 1933 half of his patients had "Gestapo persecution complex."

Once more the situation in this field has disturbed the Army. Every Army Corps now has its psycholo-

gist. Doctor Simoneit, head psychologist in the War Ministry, gave a remarkable lecture on November 23, 1937, at Hannover. "The psychological examination of the cadets has become necessary because the candidates today exhibit very grave lack of knowledge and to a very great extent have a rather faulty point of view with regard to mental work. Stupidity and laziness of mind are always defects of character."

Already the Army, a realistic section of the Nazi State, is lamenting the contempt for science which has denuded the universities, formerly a pool for Army technical staffs. The General Staff has had to open a science department to train its own personnel.

Whatever the result of the fighting in Europe, the Nazi regime is doomed. It has starved and attempted to stultify human machines in order to create inhuman machines of destruction. The day of doom cannot be far off but the sorrow and suffering wreaked on the German people, whose health has been destroyed by Hitler and his Frankensteins, will leave their mark for generations.

Speaking as a Patient—

It is bad enough to be kept waiting out in the reception room, but when the magazines are of an out-moded vintage, the time spent waiting seems more of a waste. Nothing irritates me more than having to look at swimming and golf pictures after having to wade to the dentist's office through two feet of snow, or read notices advising me to do my "Christmas shopping early" on a hot July day.



You Can't Use Your X-Ray Too Much

by Matthew Lozier, D.D.S.

THE DENTIST, in common with any other type of professional man, should look at his capital in stock mainly as the reputation he enjoys in the community in which he is practicing. Since a reputation is exceedingly fragile and vulnerable, it behooves a cautious man to adopt for his personal creed the motto, "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety."

In the health professions this motto should particularly apply to the dental practitioner. Though a bearer of a professional degree, he is up to the present day deprived, at least in the majority of states, of the right to certify death, even when it results from a dental or oral cause, his legal province.

The dentist in his continuous ministrations to all types of pa-

tients, young and old, well and infrequently gravely ill, must be on constant vigil for the possibility of some serious complication, that will sometimes, despite all precautions, develop as a sequel to a surgical procedure, however simple.

Just when a thing of this sort will occur, no one can naturally foresee. But, when it does, it may badly upset and, sometimes, entirely wipe out a professional existence of long standing.

Yet, with this grave possibility always in store for him, the principal factor the dentist could lean upon to defend his position in the event of such a mishap; the factor which would serve him most concretely in protecting his hard-earned professional reputation is, unfortunately, only too often un-

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available. I am referring here, of course, to possession of case records and preoperative roentgenograms.

While the uses of roentgenography in dental and oral surgery for diagnostic purposes have been amply stressed, the importance of a roentgenogram in the case of a lawsuit was, heretofore, for one reason or another, insufficiently discussed.

Otherwise, how could one possibly explain the fact that, up to the present day, even where an X-ray apparatus is readily available, all types of dental surgery are daily undertaken without benefit of a single roentgenogram?

Parenthetically, the obvious unimportance the general practitioner seems to attach to the practice of roentgenography, will also explain perhaps the reason for the decidedly inferior character, one can readily observe, in the present day standard of dental roentgenograms. The apparently secondary position this highly important science plays in the average dental practice reminds the author of the occasion when an assistant of a neighboring dentist, in her anxiety to emphasize the thoroughness of her employer, stressed the fact that her dentist is so careful in his work that he usually "X-rays a tooth even before extracting it."

However, regardless of the value

a dentist may place on the roentgenogram for purely diagnostic purposes, it is high time for him to recognize the urgent necessity of being in possession of preoperative roentgenograms just for that unwelcome occasion when he is suddenly faced with a malpractice litigation; from which no one is ever immune.

Almost any professional liability insurance company will readily substantiate to anyone interested the well-known fact that, rarely indeed, will a verdict be delivered for the plaintiff, when records and preoperative roentgenographic evidence are in possession of the defendant. On the other hand, numerous cases can be mentioned in which the mere inability to produce such exhibits was sufficient basis for rendering the verdict against the defendant.

This rather careless attitude on the part of the dental practitioner may possibly result from his tendency to dismiss the possibility of personal involvement in a serious postoperative complication. To do so is merely to lure oneself into a state of false security.

Cases are on record, when an extirpation of a pulp, an extraction of a temporary tooth, even a mere prophylaxis, led to complications, such as thrombophlebitis of the cavernus sinus, Ludwig's angina,

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osteomyelitis, deep cellular infection or severe hemorrhage, sometimes with fatal results.

Now, if these grave complications, however remote in etiology they might have been from the surgery undertaken, have occurred in the past it is always possible for them to occur again.

A roentgenogram or two, together with a brief history of the case, extracted from a file of other case histories, (properly put away for at least two years in the case of adult patients and longer for children, according to the period of time the law holds one responsible) is frequently just enough evidence

to create a favorable impression in the jury's mind as to the type of practitioner the court has been asked to pass judgment upon.

It is the purpose of this paper to indelibly impress upon the reader's mind the fact that, to conduct a dental practice at the present time, when malpractice suits are almost daily occurrences, without liability insurance, properly kept records and preoperative roentgenograms, is as unthinkable as falling back to the day of the foot engine or to candlelight illumination.

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DENTAL AND MEDICAL COURSES MERGED

MERCING OF THE first two years of the medical and dental schools of the University of Louisville was announced by President Raymond A. Kent on the 105th anniversary of the founding of the University. To complete the consolidation of these courses the erection of a new \$125,000 dental addition to the medical building is necessary and a \$40,000 dental clinic must be set up at the City Hospital. In the explaining of the proposed changes Dean J. T. O'Rourke of the dental school said, "The time has come when it is essential that the practicing dentist should have a greater knowledge of clinical medicine." He also spoke of the "startling no man's land" that exists between dental and medical teaching, although Nature does not recognize any great separation of dental and medical service.

Specific steps in the consolidation will include:

1. Admission requirements for the dental and medical schools will be equal.
2. The first two years of the dental and medical courses will be the same and can be counted toward either a dental or medical degree.
3. The dental student will, like the medical student, have opportunities in the third and fourth years for training in diagnosis and in clinical medicine.
4. Two additional years of study will entitle a dental graduate to a medical degree, and the graduate of medicine may in the same length of time obtain a dental degree.

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THIS DENTIST LIVES TO FIGHT AGAIN

by Jay Voorhies

An authentic World War hero, this former New Zealand dentist, Major General B. C. Freyberg, is again making headlines as Commander-in-Chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Middle East.

AMONG THE 15,000 British troops that reached Alexandria safely, following their hazardous evacuation from Crete, was Major General Bernard C. Freyberg, a dentist, and Commander-in-Chief of all the Allied Forces during the epic battle, which was marked by the fiercest fighting of the entire war.

The story of General Freyberg is the story of the type of man one would expect to find leading a back-to-the-wall fight against overwhelming odds on a sea-girt island from which there was little escape for him or his foes.

Though still a young man, he's only fifty-one, General Freyberg has crowded so much into his life that, while still very much alive he

has become an almost legendary figure, enveloped in a Homeric halo of mingled fact and fancy; an unconventional, swashbuckling soldier of fortune; educated for dentistry; a Brigadier-General at 27 years; wounded fourteen times in the World War, which earned him a special armlet to carry his wound stripes, three Distinguished Service Order and Victoria Cross decorations, and a knighthood. A man who makes lively reading but an elusive subject for a reporter trying to dig up facts.

London advises, by cable to ORAL HYGIENE, that it is generally agreed that General Freyberg was educated for dentistry. It is also believed that he practiced dentistry for a short time in New Zealand just prior to the World War. There are rumors that he practiced a short time in San Francisco, but these have not been confirmed. After a painstaking search Doctor Josef Novitzsky of San Francisco reports that he could find no listing of Doctor Freyberg in the greater San Francisco city directories from 1895 to 1915. Nor could the Board of Dental Examiners of the State of California show any record of a license having been issued to Freyberg. It is, therefore, presumed his dental experience was exclusively in New Zealand. Although both the

New York Times and *Life* magazine list Freyberg as a dentist, they are entirely vague on the place of his dental experience.

General Freyberg was born in London in 1890 and was taken to New Zealand by his father as a boy. He was educated in Wellington College and by the time he was seventeen was the swimming champion of New Zealand.

Now here is where the Freyberg legend begins. Just prior to the entry of the United States into the World War, General Freyberg, then a youngster in his twenties, landed in San Francisco. Whether he engaged at all in the practice of dentistry has not been established, but it is pretty well substantiated that he made his way into Mexico and signed up as a captain with Pancho Villa who, at that time, was making things rather interesting for General Pershing along the Mexican border and points south. This is the first evidence that, so far as Freyberg was concerned, a fight is a fight.

How and when Freyberg got out of the Villa fracas is somewhat shrouded in mystery. One report has it that he just "jumped" ranks, which is possible, since his stay with Villa was merely a stop-over to gather some cash to get him to the bigger scrap in Europe. Whatever money he did get with Villa either didn't last long or wasn't enough to get him to New York and on a boat bound for Europe. He next turns up in San Francisco broke—but not for long. He entered a local swimming meet that offered cash prizes, won the meet,

and with his prize money set out for New York.

Again needing money for his last lap to Europe, Freyberg signed up as a "fall guy" in a 10-round bout in Harlem with a Jewish lad known as Young McGuffey. Freyberg, who was battling more or less extemporaneously under the *nom de guerre* of "Kid Comptymoph of New Zealand," so far forgot his role of "fall guy" that he proceeded to beat up McGuffey.

Commissioned in London

From his Harlem set-to Freyberg went to London where he talked the military authorities into giving him a Second Lieutenant's commission on the strength of his military experience with Villa. The story has it that he got his commission from Churchill himself. At any rate he is next definitely located with the Anzacs in the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign. At Gallipoli, Freyberg's prowess as a swimmer again came in handy—handy enough to enable the British Forces to effect a landing and to win a Distinguished Service Order decoration for him. Under heavy fire from the Turkish batteries, Freyberg swam to shore pushing before him a small rowboat loaded with flares and grenades. When he set off his boat load of fireworks, the resulting pandemonium so confounded the Turks that they concentrated their fire on him, thinking he was a British detail that had made a landing. Meantime the British Force was landing a short distance away. When the reception the Turks gave him and his boat

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became too warm, Freyberg started to swim—and swam for seven hours before he was picked up by a British destroyer.

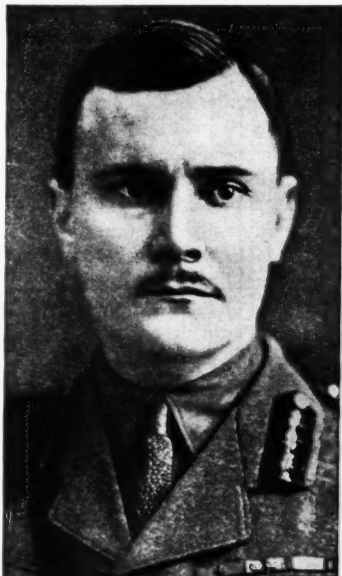
After Gallipoli

After the collapse of the Gallipoli Campaign, Freyberg and his Anzacs were brought over to the Western Front, where he fought at Amiens, helped break the Hindenburg Line and at the age of twenty-seven was made a Brigadier-General—the youngest on record. His exploits on the Western Front included tearing across No Man's Land on a bicycle to reorganize his wavering left flank, and leading his men personally in a hand-to-hand encounter against a greatly superior German force in the capture of Beaufort, taking 500 prisoners and then being carried from the field in a stretcher.

Upon the conclusion of the World War, instead of stepping back into the relative peace of dental practice, General Freyberg remained in the British Army, holding staff appointments in the War Office and in the Eastern and Southern Commands.

Outside of two attempts to swim the English Channel, once in 1925 and again in 1926, when he came within 600 yards of his goal, before war wounds and an adverse set in the tide forced him to give up, General Freyberg did not figure much in the news until catapulted into the headlines by the Battle of Crete.

Although playing an active role in the present war since February, 1940 when, as Commander of the



Major General Bernard C. Freyberg,
fighting dentist of New Zealand

New Zealand Expeditionary Force, he slipped into Suez with 30,000 Australian and New Zealand troops, having brought them over 10,000 miles of water in dead secrecy, censorship regulations have permitted few details of his activities to become public. Since where his New Zealanders are, it is safe to assume General Freyberg will be also, he indubitably fought in the Libyan campaign and, in the light of subsequent events, was probably in command of the expeditionary force sent into Greece when the Germans let loose their might upon that game but hapless country. It is also safe to assume that he was the guiding genius in the evacua-

tion of that force from Greece to Crete.

Elevation of General Freyberg to Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in Crete came with dramatic suddenness in the midst of the air assault upon that island. It was announced in an order of the day addressed to all officers and men in the Allied Forces by Emmanuel Tsouderos, Greek Premier and Minister of War. This order followed closely upon a royal decree by King George II, of Greece, then in Crete, dismissing six Greek generals from the army with a reprimand to four of them

for concluding the armistice with the Germans without the permission of the King.

In British military circles General Freyberg is considered one of the most authentic of World War heroes. Sir James Barrie, who acted as best man for General Freyberg, when in 1922 he married Miss Barbara Maclaren, used General Freyberg and his exploit at Gallipoli as the theme of his famous address, "Youth and Courage."

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AN APOLOGY

THE LEGEND UNDER the color portrait of Doctor Percy C. Lowery of Detroit on the cover of June ORAL HYGIENE indicated that Doctor Lowery is still the Chairman of the American Dental Association Research Commission. The fact is that Doctor Lowery relinquished this chairmanship at the Cleveland meeting of the American Dental Association, and although he is still a member of the Commission is not now the Chairman. Doctor M. D. Huff of Atlanta, Georgia, is the present Chairman.

ATTENTION DENTISTS!

IF YOU ARE now serving with our defense forces or expect to be inducted into service, remember that we want ORAL HYGIENE to follow you wherever you go. To be sure you won't miss an issue, send us your new address (and your former one), giving specific details about the part of the service into which you have been inducted, and we'll see that you receive the magazine regularly.

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NUTRITION FOR DEFENSE

by Fred D. Miller, D.D.S.

JUST BEFORE I LEFT home as a delegate to the National Nutrition Conference for Defense held in Washington in late May, my 88-year-old mother reminded me of Gladstone's quotation: "They who boast that they never change their minds about anything love themselves more than they love truth."

You can't go to any conference without endangering your hard-held beliefs. You come out of any conference, if you keep your open-mindedness, with a new set of values. I carried out of this nutrition conference a body of feelings that were not altogether happy ones, although I feel that the task of improving the nutritional level of the American people is one that can be accomplished. I know that we must first cut through a strong resistance of ignorance and vested



commercial interests. We would all like to believe that conferring together and by voluntary action we could gain the objective of fortifying the nutrition of our people, but if vol-

untary methods are not effective a national emergency may demand a strong hand of government ukase.

The "army" of 900 that attended the conference agreed on certain general facts:

1. That the general physical condition of American youth is woefully under par and that their physical stamina is a disgrace to our civilization.

2. That it is these youths who face and must carry us through the greatest crisis in our history.

3. That "those who forge the weapons of defense are just as important to our safety as those for whose use the weapons are intended."

"This conference is firing the opening gun in a real New Order; not a New Order based on fear, compulsion and slavery, but a New Order based on physical well-being, equal opportunity, and freedom of the soul."

—Henry A. Wallace

"Don't forget that for a very significant part of our population nutrition is not a nine-letter word emblazoned with men in white rampant upon a field of vitamins. It is a four-letter word, food—good food, and plenty of it."

—Paul V. McNutt

4. That "malnutrition among a large section of the population is of national concern."

5. That proper nutrition is important to carry us through the physical stresses and mental crises that confront us.

6. And finally—and a happy and cheerful thought—the 900 who attended the conference came away feeling that we as a nation have the scientific knowledge, the resources to do something. All we need is the upsurge of a strong national *will* to do a job to improve the nutrition of all our people, and to do it *now*.

We dentists have been recognized as important parts in a national nutrition program. Some of our members attended the conference as delegates and, more important, in the reports and recommendations that came from the conference, the part that dentists and dentistry may play in educating and advising the public was prominently emphasized. The following remedies were suggested:

1. "Better training in nutrition for medical, dental, and public health students."

2. "Extensive postgraduate courses in nutrition for physicians, dentists, and public health officers."

3. "Development of a certain number of physicians and dentists with a broad and extensive knowledge of the general field of nutrition and with sufficient experience in the recognition of nutritional diseases to provide expert medical and dental advice to public-school teachers, social workers, public health nurses, nutritionists, practitioners of medicine and dentistry, and many others concerned with the nutritional needs of the people."

Furthermore, it was recommended that:

1. "Considering the importance of nutrition in health and welfare, it is important that all workers who have contact with large groups of population should have fundamental training in nutrition. This includes teachers and administrators in schools, nurses, social workers, and the public health dentist and physician."

2. "Professional workers engaged in certain specialties have a greater than average opportunity for fostering good nutrition. Among these are nutritionists and dietitians, physicians of internal medicine, pediatricians, obstetricians, public health physicians, nurses and dentists, teachers of health education, social and bio-

logical sciences, home economics, agriculture, child welfare and medical social workers."

Because there were comparatively few dentists attending the conference, I could not allow the opportunity to pass without saying something on behalf of dentists, and I briefly left this message with the delegates: Because the oral manifestations of nutritional deficiencies are manifest in the mouth early and before there are other diagnostic symptoms and because the dentists see their patients while they are well, at least while they are ambulatory, the alert dentist can forecast, from changes in tissue tone and character of saliva, symptoms of a deranged body chemistry. I urged that the delegates work with the dentist because dental caries was the chief cause of rejections under the Selective Service Act, and because these crippled and wrecked grinding machines are undoubtedly a contributing factor in the failure to get the full nutrient value from food. I stressed the fact that, when you have a cavity in a tooth,

you are sick and when you are sick you are not a victim but a culprit.

President Roosevelt asked for the simple truth. He asked for a program of action from which the details of a nation-wide nutrition plan might be developed. I am afraid that what he got was a prescription written in Latin and one that could be filled or deciphered only by a smart drug store chemist or a college professor. It is too bad that this group of well-meaning nutritionists, physicians, dentists, public health officers, nurses, and some research workers should have the chief issues clouded by vested food interests. Not all of the commercial food people were in such a design against the American people, but there were enough of them who are primarily interested in profit from foodless food and whose representatives unfortunately dominated many sections of the conference and who, by misleading statements and innuendoes, were able to cast confusion into the conference.

The recommendations made for the nutritional health of the people

"During these days of stress the health problems of the military and civilian population are inseparable. Total defense demands man power. The full energy of every American is necessary. Medical authorities recognize completely that efficiency and stamina depend on proper food. Fighting men of our armed forces, workers in industry, the families of these workers, every man and woman in America, must have nourishing food. If the people are undernourished, they cannot be efficient in producing what we need in our unified drive for dynamic strength."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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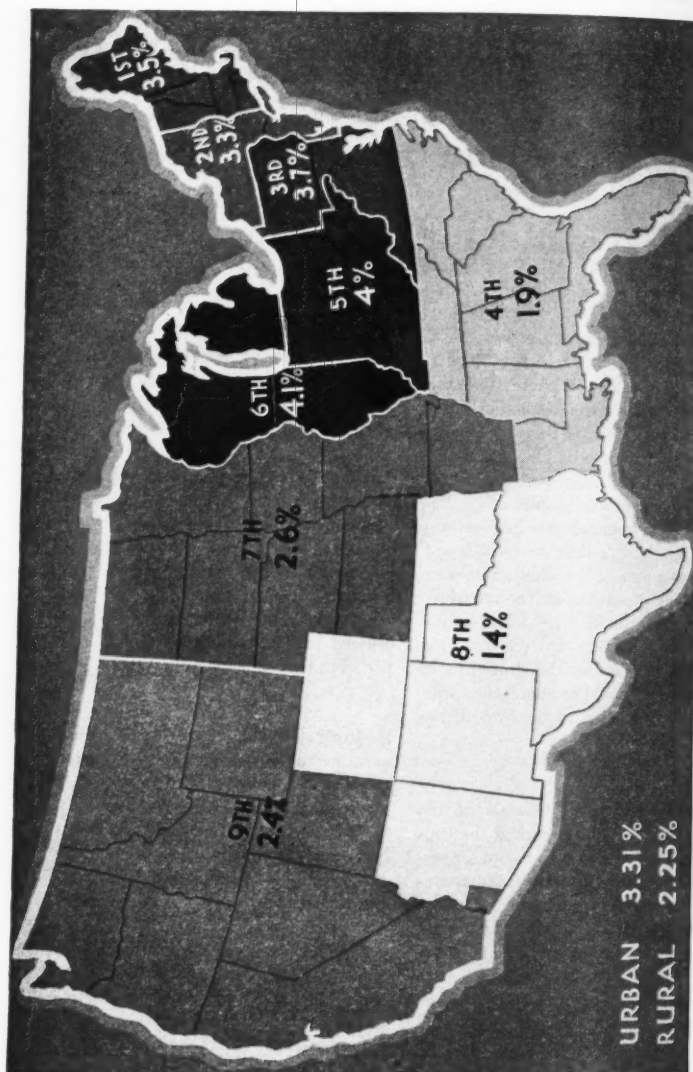
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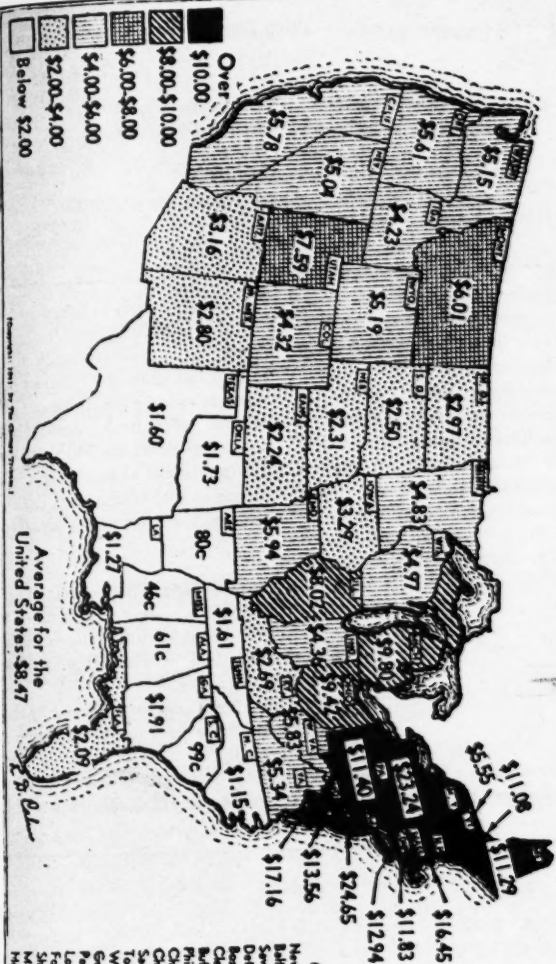
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New York City Has Sweetest Tooth

Per Family Expenditures at Candy and Confectionery Stores in 1939



Average for the United States—\$8.47

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Table I

Year	Total Rejections	Rejections Because of Dental Defects	Rejections for Dental Defects Shown in Percentage of Total Rejections
1940-41	18,971	3,684	19.42%
1918	172,000	9,952	5.79%

applicants were in the 18-30 age group while in the present situation most of the applicants are in the 21-35 age group.

The following figures show what a tremendous difference age makes in relation to percentage of rejections for dental defects. These figures are furnished by the Statistical Division, of the Surgeon General's Office, and were compiled from examinations conducted in connection with the present Selective Service System. Per thousand men examined, rejections for dental defects averaged as follows:

Age Group	Rejections (Average)
18-25	21.22
26-30	39.25
31-36	65.16

The influence of age and residence on the number of dental defects found in selectees is shown in Table II.

In a special study of rejections for dental defects in 120,689 selectees, made between the initiation of the Selective Service Act last year and February 9, 1941, it was found that three men out of every hundred passed by the local draft boards were rejected at the induction centers. The percentage of rejections for dental defects in each Corps Area is shown on the accompanying map of the Nation.

Procedure Followed: What happens after a selectee is certified by the local board is still not clear to many dentists. Here, in brief, is the procedure followed:

After a selectee is passed by the local board, he goes to the induction board, usually located at a military post or camp. The latter is known as the reception center. He is first examined by the

Table II

Rejections for dental conditions at Induction Boards by age groups, urban and rural, expressed in rates per 1,000 men examined prior to February 9, 1941.

Residence	Age Groups			Combined
	18-25	26-30	31-36	
Urban	23.17	41.66	68.78	
Rural	15.35	31.07	51.18	
Combined	30.61

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induction board. Then, if passed, he is assigned to the reception center (usually located at the same place) where he is vaccinated, inoculated for typhoid, issued his uniform, and equipment. He remains here only a short time (a week or ten days) after which he is sent to a re-

placement center. Here he is assigned to a definite branch of the service and given basic training for approximately thirteen weeks. From the replacement center, at the end of this training, he is sent to join a unit, which is his permanent assignment.

DENTAL REJECTIONS BY CORPS AREAS

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| 1. Sixth (Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan) | 4.1 |
| 2. Fifth (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia) | 4 |
| 3. Third (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia) | 3.7 |
| 4. First (New England States) | 3.5 |
| 5. Second (New York, New Jersey, and Delaware) | 3.3 |
| 6. Seventh (North Central States) | 2.6 |
| 7. Ninth (West Coast and North West) | 2.4 |
| 8. Fourth (South Eastern States) | 1.9 |
| 9. Eighth (Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado) | 1.4 |

THERE'S MONEY IN ASHES

UNWITTINGLY DENTISTS in San Antonio, Texas, have helped originate a strange new business that now reaches into thirty states. It started one day when John Towns was watching the janitor cart away the ashes from an incinerator of a building in which several dentists had their offices. Suddenly Towns had an idea. He asked the janitor for a sample of the ashes, had it assayed, and found enough gold to make a ton of ashes average \$140 worth of gold; the tiny particles of which had been dropped by the dentists. Towns contracted to buy the sweepings from this building and later reached into thirty states, adding the sweepings from medical office buildings to his project. Out of ten tons of ashes and sweepings he receives each month, assays run from \$100 to \$2,000 a ton. Yet the famed Juneau mine of Alaska operates successfully with an assay of only fifty cents worth of gold per ton.—From *Coronet*, May, 1941.

Editorial Comment

"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to my conscience above all liberties." *John Milton*

WE "KNOW" SO MUCH THAT ISN'T SO

FEW THINGS LINGER longer and have a harder death than our preconceptions. Our minds are cluttered with a mass of misinformation and half truths. We "know" so many things that upon careful examination prove to be without foundation in fact. We learn and repeat, we hear and restate, without testing ideas, experiences, points of view—we "know" so much that isn't so. About dental disease we have a sizeable mass of preconceptions. Our credo of credulity includes the belief that people receiving proper dental health education and early treatment are far better off than those people who do not; that the incidence of dental disease has something to do with nutrition, that the lack of some things in the diet and the excessive presence of others cause dental disease. This leads us to the next preconception; namely, that the economic level upon which people live has something to do with their dental health; in short, that people who have the highest standard of living, the most money to spend for dental care, those who live in centers of dental culture, are best off, although their actual immunity may be lower.

Some of these preconceptions of ours have had a rude deflation upon examining recent experiences in the physical examination of selectees under the Selective Service Act. From the sizeable sample of 120,000 rejectees we learn that rural people are better off from a dental point of view than urban dwellers, that despite the lack of school dental services, dental health education, and the availability of dentists, the draftees who lived in the country have better dental conditions than the draftees who came from metropolitan areas. We further learn from the enlightening map on page 896 that the soldiers who are selected from the deep South, where the per capita income is usually considered low, have better dental conditions than the soldiers who come from the North, where the family income is higher. Another preconception is blasted when we learn by looking at the map that the highest percentage of rejectees come from the Sixth Corps Area, which includes the home of the American Dental Association, five Class A dental colleges, and the part of the country that shelters dental clinics and extensive school programs.

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From an entirely unrelated study we may gather a clue to conditions. On a map of the United States, page 897, showing the per capita consumption of highly refined sugar, we find that, generally speaking, the people in urban centers consume the most *refined* sugar, and that the people in the deep South consume the least. The parallel between the Army study and the sugar consumption study indicates that the Corps Areas from which the greatest number of dental rejectees spring are also the Areas that are high in the consumption of sugar. However, sugar *per se* may be only a part of the story. It may be that the people who have lower incomes and, therefore, are less addicted to the consumption of refined foods are also the people who live under less nervous tension, who have too little money to develop metropolitan phobias and neuroses, who are better off physically because they are worse off economically. This point of view is contrary to that usually expressed by social workers.

It is painful to make this observation that the Army study suggested, but it is a fact that the Army of the present shows a higher number of dental rejectees than the Army of 1917-18. It is true that in the present Army somewhat older groups are being included, the dental examination is probably more exacting, and a greater emphasis has been placed on the importance of dental health. But it is ironic that, in the past twenty years, which have shown so much development in the science and art of dentistry, records appear to indicate that the incidence of dental disease is higher than it was twenty years ago. The present class of selectees are depression's children that have suffered from malnutrition, curtailed public health and family budgets.

From this maze of data with all its implications and contradictions one can only make the deduction, and not a particularly profound one: namely, that dental disease is a complex and ramifying pathosis; that the answer to our problems, large or small, cuts across every phase of our complex national life; and that dentists do not operate in a vacuum. Neither can we forget the philosophic warning: Be not too sure of our "knowledge," because it may not be true but merely vague preconceptions.

Edward J. Ryan



Dear Oral Hygiene

Shortage of Dentists?

After reading your editorial in ORAL HYGIENE entitled "Today's Dental Paradox,"¹ and because the views expressed in this article differ so greatly from mine, gathered from a lifetime, 54 years, of work, study, practice, and observation, I respectfully submit the following:

You stress the great shortage of dentists. If everyone had his teeth fixed there might be a shortage, just as if everybody would build brick houses, there would be a shortage of brick masons. If there were a shortage there would be a demand for dentists at good salaries. If there is a job open, how many dentists take the examination? Only one can get the job. A dentist of good character and a former instructor in a Class A dental college told me less than a month ago that he was forced to give up his practice and is now working for other dentists, making about \$25 per week.

There has been a lot of false propaganda in both dental publications and daily newspapers about the great shortage of dentists. What is the object of this propaganda? To keep the dental colleges filled? If there is a shortage of dentists, please let us know just where this shortage exists so a lot of us dentists who don't know where to go could move and make a living. I am looking for such a place myself.

¹Editorial, Today's Dental Paradox, ORAL HYGIENE 31:477 (April) 1941.

I am not in favor of the status quo—I believe that radical changes are necessary in the dental profession. I could write a lot more but, suffice it to say, that twice I have heard a former President of the Chicago Dental Society say that if all the dental colleges in the United States were closed for ten years there would still be a surplus of dentists.—A. H. GRINDY, D.D.S., 4000 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The Dental Paradox

"Today's Dental Paradox,"¹ in ORAL HYGIENE, does present a problem to all of us within the profession.

In the last two years I have had the good fortune to perform services in clinics in Michigan, Maine, and Canada. From this experience I have made two observations relative to depleted dental graduates: 1. Lack of appeal to eligible college material. 2. Comparative high cost of four years' training. It is hard to determine which observation comes first, but I am inclined to believe the cost probably is the determining factor.

Would it be possible or practical to persuade the government that dentistry is a health profession and not a mechanical "trade," with the idea of extending government loans and service deferment to eligible young men? It does seem that the continued high rate of rejections based on dental defects gives us a strong argument for aid.

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man power to produce. The Service recognizes the value of dental health. Officials will do something about it. What they do may be determined by our attitude or interest. Civilian dental health is important to national defense, so why not propose a plan that will supply the man power to care for the needs?—STANLEY C. BROWN, D.D.S., Ithaca, Michigan.

All Need Dental Service

I was particularly interested in your editorial in April ORAL HYGIENE,¹ wherein you state, "The people who have long suffered from lack of dental care in a population for which sufficient dentists are available, will feel their suffering more in a society where the number of available dentists is greatly reduced." Your statement on the decline of dental graduates is correct.

Please note that the soldiers and near-soldiers urgently in need of dental care were not, in the main, potential patients. What connection is there between the withdrawal of dentists to military life and the fact that most people, for economic reasons, apparently always suffer lack of dental care? Pertinently, you ask, "What is to be done?"

I don't know to what effort specifically you refer when you say that the American Dental Association is trying to do something regarding the lack of dental care for the population.

The withdrawal of millions of men from civilian life narrows the field of potential patients. It seems that those in the service will eventually have first class service. The civilians will still lack dental care.

Problems call for solutions. Surely there must be something for this enigma.

Personally, I believe the American Dental Association should persuade the State Boards to relax their conditions for licensure to practicing dentists. There are many dentists in the big

cities who would leave for other parts—if there is a shortage yonder. Many dentists who lack licenses are unable to substitute for those leaving for the armed forces. Possibly, there are some busy men, because of the shortage. In this case there is no need to worry.

Recently in New York City more than 500 dentists competed for a full-time position with pay of \$1200 per annum. There are still plenty of dentists on W. P. A. Even temporary licenses could be granted! It would be better to spread the supply. There are hundreds of dentists in the big cities, probably thousands, who are, to quote Doctor Clapp, "in bankruptcy by any form of book-keeping." These would be glad to migrate in order to make a living.

We believe that you, by virtue of your advantageous position and ability, ought to take the initiative in suggesting something to start the ball rolling. Many of us here hope you will continue to touch upon this subject in your future editorials. What is to be done?—DANIEL ROSS, D.D.S., 5924 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Pension Fund For Dentists

Much has been published in your columns in the last few months relative to an Old Age Pension for members of the dental profession, so please let me offer a solution as follows:

For many years the dental profession has been paying for dental protection against malpractice the sum of \$16.00 or more yearly. The American Dental Association has a membership of approximately 50,000. If 25,000 of this number, or one-half of the membership in the American Dental Association would pay into this organization \$10.00 apiece, they would have a fund of \$250,000 as a capital on which to organize.

We could issue to each participant in this fund a policy backed by the American Dental Association offering him

immunization from dental malpractice, and have remaining in the fund over \$150,000. We would not have to pay high-salaried executives; we would not have to employ men to solicit business; and we would not have to pay dividends on stock.

Ten dollars a year to be paid in continuously for protection by each member, and all capital over the original \$250,000 shall be placed in a fund known as "An Old Age Pension Fund for Dentists."

Insurance statistics show that after a man has reached the age of 25 his expectancy is but 41 years; hence, 66 would be the average of dentists who would participate in this fund.

Let every dentist who is a member of the American Dental Association and has paid into this fund from its inception, and who has reached the age of 65, be granted a pension of \$100.00 a month for the balance of his life. His expectancy, remember, would be but one year. To the widow of a dentist, upon

reaching the age of 60 years, would be granted a pension of \$50.00 a month, providing she has not remarried. In the event of her remarrying, the pension would cease.

By this plan you are not only getting your dental protection, but also creating your Old Age Pension fund that may, in times of adversity of some kind, either sickness, misplaced confidence, or business adversity, prove to be a source of security.

The young man starting out practicing in the profession will have a prospect of security in his old age. The older men in the profession will have the assurance that they will never be thrown upon the mercy of public relief.

This is a "Dentist for Dentistry" proposition. Let none of our members have to ask for relief from outside sources. I am positive this plan is practicable, and can be revamped to suit every condition.—HARRY HOUSE, D.D.S., 503 A. C. Office Building, Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dental Meeting Dates

National Dental Association, twenty-eighth annual meeting, Richmond, Virginia, August 11-15.

Montreal Dental Club, seventeenth annual fall clinic, Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, September 24-26.

American Dental Association, eighty-third annual meeting, Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 27-31.

American Dental Assistants' Association, seventeenth annual meeting, Texas State Hotel, Houston, October 27-31.

American Dental Hygienists' Association, eighteenth annual meeting, Lamar Hotel, Houston, October 27-31.

Odontological Society of Western Pennsylvania, annual meeting, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, November 11-13.



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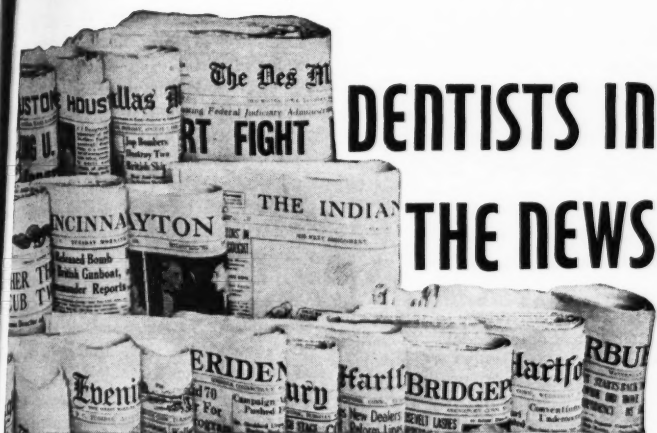
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DENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Brooklyn (New York) Eagle: Doctor C. Raymond Wells of Brooklyn and Queens, for the past ten years lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, has been named national dental director for Selective Service, and has already gone to Washington to begin his new duties. While "on loan" from the Navy, he will be in charge of 17,000 dentists who are serving local boards throughout the country. Doctor Wells, who is director of oral surgery at Queens General Hospital, will continue his private dental practice, serving at the same time as liaison officer between the Selective Service and the Army and the Dental Corps.

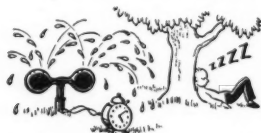
Seattle (Washington) News: To Benjamin J. West, a Seattle dentist, has come a moving letter from a friend of his college days in Saint Louis University, Doctor Robert N. LeCron, a London dentist, who has been "blitzed" out of his home and offices he had occupied since 1909. As a member of the "Lost Column" of Americans, 1500 of them, who have been trying unsuccessfully to

return to this country, Doctor LeCron writes:

"Now that I am out of business, I would like to get back to the States, but that is impossible . . . You speak about next year. It will be lucky if there is such a thing, unless America is able to do a lot soon . . . This war cannot be won with politicians squabbling and bickering on their own behalf, and catering to big interests."

With Doctor LeCron's letter to West came a detailed account by another American of the ceaseless efforts of 1500 American business men and their families to get home from England. He pointed out that, although the British government had done everything possible to facilitate the exodus of the Americans, the stringent application by our government of the Neutrality Act has cut off passage by American ships. Unless the U. S. inaugurates a plane passenger service from England to Lisbon, or grants permission to these Americans to travel, at their own risk, on British or any neutral ships, there is no chance for the "Lost Column" to return home before the war is over.

Tucson (Arizona) Star: Because watering lawns became one of the major annoyances of his life, C. L. McKee, a dentist, decided to do something about it. In partnership with an attorney he has finally worked out a gadget that



does away with forgetting to turn the water off and on. In reality it's an invention that automatically controls sprinkling systems, so the lawn can be watered by day or night. Called "the lazy man's water sprinkler," the working model looks a lot like a good-sized dumbbell balanced on a water pipe. Doctor McKee and his associate have applied for a patent, and he has already perfected an experimental model of another invention, an attachment that can be put on the apparatus by which the lawn can be fertilized in the same automatic way as the sprinkling is accomplished.

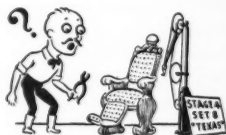
Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch: Winston Churchill is "no good" as a dental patient. This was the opinion expressed by Doctor Charles E. Smith, of Delaware, formerly of Cannes, who fled France at the height of the blitzkrieg and, with his wife, reached the United States on the last trip of the liner *Manhattan*. One of the noted European specialists in the repairing of teeth and mouths damaged in accidents, Doctor Smith's patients have included most of the elite of Europe during the past forty years. Of Mr. Churchill, he says:

"He's a very self-reliant man, and a very strong character. He came to me for a minor gum infection, and to be frank, he wanted to tell me just how

to cure it and operate. 'Give me that little hooked wire,' he said to me. 'I know just what this needs and what to do.' Mr. Churchill," Doctor Smith added, "is a very charming fellow, terribly interesting; but as a dental patient no good."

Doctor Smith is the president-elect of the Societe Francaise d'Orthopedie Dents Faciale and vice-president of the European Orthodontia Society, but he has no desire to return to France. Behind him he left his practice, dental equipment, his home and all his financial reserves in Paris banks. With his wife he is content now to raise fruit on a Delaware farm they bought in 1912, in the expectation of one war.

Los Angeles (California) Examiner: Edgar Buchanan, the Pasadena dentist who turned out to be a movie actor, is unwillingly furnishing most of the comedy on the "Texas" set. Cast in the role of a dentist in this picture, he



thought his former profession would make it a cinch. But when he showed up on the set he found all the dental equipment was of the 1876 variety. The drills and tweezers are so old-fashioned that Buchanan hardly knew how to handle them. In fact he was so awkward that the director had to hire an older dentist to coach him for the scenes, and the cast and crew will be laughing at him for a long time.

Dallas (Texas) News: Using original photomicrographs and other mate-

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rial compiled in twenty years' research and smuggled out of Vienna two and a half years ago, Doctor B. Gottlieb, Vienna dentist, gave a lecture course recently before the Dallas County Dental Society. Later he accepted an invitation to serve for a year in the chair of dental research at the Baylor University College of Dentistry. Doctor Gottlieb goes to Dallas from the University of Michigan where he has been visiting professor for a year.

New York (New York) Times: Before 500 orthodontists, gathered in the Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York, Doctor Frederick Noyes, dean emeritus of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, was presented with the Albert H. Ketchum Memorial Award for 1941. Annually this award is given by the American Association of Orthodontists to a person who has made "a notable contribution to the science and art of orthodontics."

Award to readers for contributions of newsworthy stories about dentists go this month to:

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Speaking as a Patient—

I dislike having my dentist tell me what's wrong with my teeth in complicated jargon that goes way over my head. Although the dissertation is supposed to be for my benefit, it's a waste of time. I'm not even impressed. Frankly, I'm bored by such a display of technical knowledge. I take it for granted he knows all the technical terms—but plain language is what I want.

Ask ORAL HYGIENE

Please communicate directly with the Department Editors, V. CLYDE SMEDLEY, D.D.S., and GEORGE R. WARNER, M.D., D.D.S., 1206 Republic Building, Denver, Colorado, enclosing postage for a personal reply. Material of general interest will be published each month.

Missing Centrals

Q.—I am sending you a stone cast. You can see that two upper centrals are missing. Will you please advise me how to replace these missing teeth? The patient is 10; she lost these teeth in an automobile accident. The upper temporary is loose. The child's parents want permanent restorations placed.—W. N. H., Kansas.

A.—You had better convince the parents of this ten-year-old girl that it is inadvisable to attempt to replace these missing centrals in any other than a temporary manner at this age, or until all of the permanent teeth are in place and the pulps in the laterals have receded sufficiently to make them safe from too severe shock during cavity preparation for abutment inlays.

These centrals have apparently been out for some time and the space has already closed about one-third of what it should be to provide the replacement of normal-sized centrals.

The girl needs orthodontia to expand the arch to provide normal space for the centrals. After this space has been provided, a temporary bridge should be supplied by soldering facings to well-fitted orthodontia bands.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

Loosening Attachment

Q.—I have a patient, a man, who has an all-porcelain bridge on the upper right, from cuspid to central. This bridge was inserted five years ago by a dentist now dead. The cuspid attachment is loose and the patient wishes to have the bridge removed and recemented. Kindly advise me as how to proceed in loosening the central attachment.—B. H. S., Michigan.

A.—If the abutments on the cuspid and central incisor are all porcelain jacket crowns, you may be unable to loosen the incisor crown without damaging the bridge. The safest procedure would be to make a loop of strong twine between the lateral incisor pontic and the central incisor crown. If you have a plunger crown remover you can then hook it in the loop and throw the plunger sharply down. If you haven't such a crown remover you can place an instrument handle through loop and, while holding one end of the instrument, hit the other end sharply with a gold plugging mallet.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Whistling with Dentures

Q.—I have a patient who whistles when speaking with her dentures in place. To what would you attribute this, and how can it be remedied?—M. B., New York.

A.—Whistling with new den-

tures is usually caused by the fact that the tongue has not yet accommodated itself to the new and somewhat different lingual contour that the dentures present. In most cases only time is necessary for the tongue to accommodate itself and for the whistling to cease.

However, where this has not proved to be the case, I have been able to bring about a correction of the difficulty by a system of testing various palatal contours shaped with tin foil and wax. Placing in the palate one of the ready-made rugae reproduction appliances is all that is necessary in some cases, but perhaps the surest and best way is to take the cast of a mouth of about the same size with all of the natural teeth present and, with tin foil or wax, transfer this exact contour to the palate of the denture, or as nearly so as is possible.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

Eruptions

Q.—I have a patient, an infant of five months, with the following case history: Born thirty-two days premature, weighing four pounds at birth. At the present time, patient is getting 25 mg. ascorbic acid, 5 drops of Drisdol daily, pabulum, and strained vegetables. During the past week, the patient has developed several white eruptions on the gum midway between the crest of the ridge and the muco-buccal fold and each of the eruptions appears between the formation of the new teeth. These eruptions are about the size of a head of a pin, hard, glossy, and raised. The child does not seem to experience any pain upon palpation, and no pus seems to be present. The rest of the ridge seems normal in color and firmness of gum.

The pediatrician in charge of the case doesn't know what the eruptions are, and I am consulting you in the hope that you can throw some light on the subject. Perhaps you have had such a case before. Your reply will be greatly appreciated.—O. A. W., New York.

A.—The condition which you

describe in the mouth of your young patient is not uncommon and is not necessarily pathologic. I don't find anything in Prinz and Greenbaum¹ concerning this condition but I have seen it and it has cleared up after the eruption of the teeth.

I have thought it due to the pressure of the erupting teeth; being an individual variation from the usual picture.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Rampant Caries

Q.—I have three cases alike, the etiology of which I am deeply concerned about.

Case I—A young lady, 23, who gained 30 pounds in six months. Before gain in weight the approximate number of restorations in her teeth was about 25. Now five years later, she has ninety-four additional restorations, some replacements, made necessary by the white chalky spots indicating lack of cementing substance between enamel rods confined exclusively to the gingival one-third of the crown. These areas were not present five years ago. This is not a true erosion or abrasion.

The entire gingival third areas, mesiodistally and buccolingually, in all bicuspids and molars now carry restorations. The anterior teeth also have many restorations but the dissolving action is not so pronounced here.

The patient cooperates to the best of her ability in keeping all areas clean.

Case II—A young man now 24, who three years ago gained about 40 pounds in four months, presents the same condition. Previous to this time he had not required more than simple prophylaxis and there were no decalcified areas present. In the past three years I have placed exactly fifty restorations in his mouth, principally mesiodistally and in the gingival one-third buccolingually in the crowns of the posterior teeth. This patient also cooperates to the best of his ability.

Case III—This case is of particular interest, being that of good friend, a man,

¹Prinz, H. and Greenbaum, S. S.: Diseases of the Mouth and Their Treatment, Philadelphia, Lea & Febiger, 1939.

23. Beginning at age 18 there were present the cavities commonly found, no decalcified areas. Four or five inlays were made at that time.

At 19 there were three cavities and no decalcification. At 20 there were seven cavities with beginning decalcification of the gingival one-third of anterior teeth.

At 21 there were seven cavities, mostly occlusal, with no decalcification yet of posterior teeth.

Between 23-24, in four months, the patient gained 25 pounds with marked decalcification in posterior teeth as well as anterior, confined to gingival one-third of the anterior and posterior teeth both mesiodistally and buccolingually as well as the labial gingival one-third of lower anterior incisors.

I should like you to help me determine whether or not a rapid gain in weight, as indicated in these cases, could be an etiological factor and if so, why?

Is there anything else I can do for these unfortunate patients besides plugging holes as fast as they decalcify? In this last case I have placed twenty-four restorations in the mouth in two months, and although I extend my cavity preparation to so-called immune areas, within a short time new white spots appear around the edges of those restorations placed in the gingival one-third of the posterior teeth, and the dissolving action starts again. I find it difficult to keep pace with the cavities.—E. W. Mc., California.

A.—Your letter is of unusual interest because of the remarkable coincidence of three cases of rampant caries in people of about the same age who have had a startling increase in weight in a short period.

You doubtless have thought of the possibility of an endocrine gland involvement, being associated with or in causal relation to the rapid and uncontrollable caries.

I have had a few such cases in which a basal metabolism reading disclosed a marked hypothyroidism. It would be well to look into this matter.

Incorrect eating habits have

been shown by the Michigan Group² and others to be in causal relation to a high incidence of dental decay. You have probably gone into this phase of the condition. However, this is not as likely a cause in your case as endocrine gland dyscrasia.

It would be interesting to me and perhaps helpful to you for me to see good full sets of intraoral roentgenograms of your cases. If you feel it is worth while to do this I should like to know about the results of thorough physical examinations of your patients, including blood chemistry. —GEORGE R. WARNER.

To Remove Compound

Q.—Will you please tell me how modeling compound may be removed from a vulcanite tray without warping the tray? —M. K., New York.

A.—To remove modeling compound without marring the trays, simply flow wax over the compound, heat the tray, and wipe wax and compound off together with a clean cloth.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

Sensitivity

Q.—I have a patient, 27, who is troubled with sensitivity on the lower anterior teeth. On visual examination there is no recession. Merely running an explorer on the gingival one-third of the teeth causes a reaction.

This patient has previously gone to another dentist and little has been done except to attempt to remedy the situation with cement gingival restorations. The condition has been in effect over a period of two years. Bite is average with no undue stress on lower anteriors. The mouth is apparently susceptible to caries, as patient has anterior bridge replacing upper centrals and laterals and has had considerable operative service.—M. M. B., Iowa.

²Jay, Philip; Hadley, Faith; Koehne, Marjorie; Bunting, R. W.: Observations on Relationship of Lacto-Bacillus Acidophilus to Dental Caries in Children During Experimental Feeding of Candy. J.A.D.A. 23:836 (May) 1936.

A.—Cervical sensitiveness in a circumscribed area of the mouth is often the result of tripping stresses as the teeth pass from centric to eccentric occlusion and back again. In the case of mandibular incisors it is well to round the labial edge or angle with garnet paper disks. If this doesn't help the condition one can treat the areas with zinc chloride or formalin. If the latter is used, an orangewood stick should be saturated and then cleansed, dried, and the protected area rubbed with the orangewood for about three minutes.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Procaine Poisoning

Q.—I should appreciate it if you would give me some information on procaine poisoning.

I have been practicing for twenty-one years, and I am happy to say that I have never had anything happen to my hands so far. Now, however, I am experiencing a constant pain in the index finger of the left hand at the joint, something in the nature of a rheumatic pain. All other fingers are perfectly all right.

Of course, this finger being the one used for exerting pressure on the tissues before injecting, I suspect that it might be procaine poisoning. However, as I understand it, procaine poisoning is a form of dermatitis, which is not present in my case. The finger appears absolutely normal; there is no swelling, no redness, but the joint is sore to touch and pains when I bend the finger.

I have been getting some relief by using a piece of cotton with grain alcohol over which I placed a rubber cot. My physician says that he does not know what the trouble might be.—J. T. LeB., Maine.

A.—Procaine poisoning is the result of having had procaine injected into the tissues. You are, therefore, not suffering from procaine poisoning.

Procaine dermatitis results from a person's becoming sensitized to procaine and is characterized by

peeling of the skin on the fingers at first and usually around the fingernails. So, as you suggest, you have not procaine dermatitis.

It seems to me that you may have an occupational rheumatoid arthritis in the affected finger. You may be traumatizing this joint in some one or more things that you do with this hand. And, having injured or strained this joint, it has become a locus minoris resistentiae and subject to the phenomenon of anachoresis.³

It would, therefore, be wise for you to relieve this finger from all strains. You can palpate for the mandibular injections with the second finger. Then you should try to eliminate all possible sources of infection in your own body. By these two measures you may overcome the present inflammatory condition in this finger and avert possibly a more serious affection or infection.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Antral Irrigation

Q.—Can you tell me the best antiseptic to use for irrigating the antrum of Highmore? I have a patient for whom I have been using a 1:1000 solution of potassium permanganate, but it doesn't seem to clear up completely. As soon as I stop irrigating for about a week there is pain and pus is again exuding through the tooth socket. I keep this packed with iodoform gauze and change it every other day and irrigate at the same time.

Is there any other method of treatment to be instituted without resorting to the window operation through the nasal wall?—L. M. L., Nebraska.

A.—Irrigation of an antrum through an oval-antral fistula is hopeless as a curative measure.

The best plan is to enlist the aid of an otolaryngologist who will ir-

³Csernyei, Julius, M. D. (Milan, Italy): Anacoric Effect of Chronic Periapical Inflammations. *J. Den. Res.* 18:524 (December) 1939.

rigate through the nose. You can then close the oral opening, and the nose washings will probably clear up the infection.

Nothing stronger than a normal salt solution is advisable for antral irrigation.—George R. Warner.

To Prevent Infection

Q.—After using general anesthetics in the hospital in our operative cases, we have had some oral manifestations of conditions similar to trench mouth. There is no break in the sterilization of masks in the operating and surgical routine. Smears show the presence of Vincent's organisms. We have not in our hospital routine carried through laboratory tests for mouth conditions before operations.

Will you please suggest a routine of oral hygiene after operative cases where ether, nitrous oxide, and oxygen, or cyclopropane have been used for general surgery in hospital cases?—F. C. H., Arizona.

A.—I would say that the wise thing to do to obviate a Vincent's infection of the mouth following a general anesthetic for surgery would be a preventative measure. It is generally held that a clean mouth is the least likely to break down with an ulceromembranous gingivitis particularly, or with any type of inflammatory condition. So it would seem wise to institute a routine of a thorough cleansing of the mouths of those who are soon to go on the operating table. This will undoubtedly reduce the incidence of postoperative mouth infections, and should any occur, appropriate treatment for the condition, whatever it may be, can be instituted.—George R. Warner.

Purifying Amalgams

Q.—Would you please describe in detail in ORAL HYGIENE the technique of using hydrochloric acid in mixing amalgam for dies?—J. V. T., New York.

A.—Removing oxides from amalgam powder by washing in hydrochloric acid before adding mercury makes it amalgamate more promptly and thoroughly.

One of the manufacturers of amalgam advises me that the use of hydrochloric acid on amalgam is inadvisable, because he says it not only removes oxides but removes part of the essential ingredients of the amalgam.—V. C. Smedley.

Sense of Taste Lost

Q.—I have a patient who complains of loss of appetite and a complete loss of taste. His explanation of the condition is that it occurred four weeks after I made him a full upper acrylic denture; the palatal area being left colorless.

He can only eat a good meal and regain his sense of taste by removing his upper denture; otherwise he must force himself to eat a small portion of food at each meal. He has lost fourteen pounds in four weeks and has decided to remove his denture at meal times; thereby regaining his appetite and enjoying a sense of taste.

He is a man of 45, in good health, and a calm, reserved person, who lives hygienically.

I should appreciate any information you might be able to furnish regarding the possible cause of this condition, with some possible remedy.—L. B. F., Pennsylvania.

A.—The phenomenon of your patient's inability to taste, with his full upper denture in his mouth, is hard to explain as our physiology teaches us that the taste bud nerve endings are located on the tongue and not on the palate. But I have had patients who thought they could not taste properly with their palates covered and who were happy and satisfied after I had fitted them with roofless dentures. You might try a roofless denture for this man.—V. C. Smedley.



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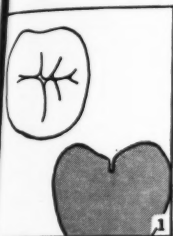
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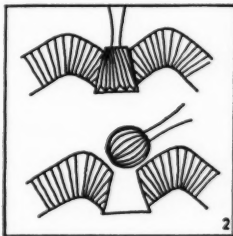
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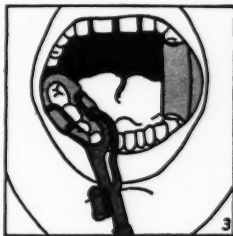
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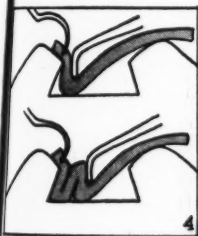
1. Precarious pits and fissures on occlusal surfaces.



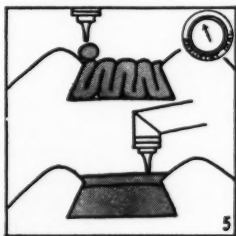
2. With 33 1/2 bur follow pits and fissures. If necessary follow through in depth with small round bur. With large No. 6 round bur smooth cavo-surface angle—blades of bur perpendicular to axial walls. Do not make a definite bevel.



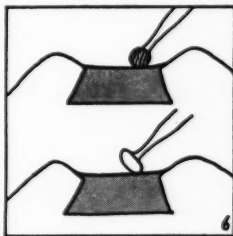
3. Keep tooth dry with saliva ejector type of cotton roll holder (for lowers) or rubber dam clamp holding cotton rolls (for uppers.) Place bite block in position.



4. Cut Special O cohesive gold rope in 1/2" lengths. With holding instrument hold gold rope in place as it is condensed by hand pressure with No. 9 gold plugger against axial walls. Fold first at the pulpal then occlusal, and as each fold is made, advance the holding instrument. Continue until the cavity is filled.



5. Using No. 1 round plugger in Hollenbach pneumatic condenser, with locking device set at the lowest possible point and the rheostat pointer at 11 o'clock, condense a No. 1/2 gold cylinder. After gold is condensed and all margins covered, use No. 4 plugger point and, with the locking device set at the next widest opening, condense en masse.



6. Finish and polish the filling with small finishing bur, followed by a small round burnisher on the handpiece.

Amalgam may be substituted for gold. Use the largest possible amalgam point. (Available points may be cut down or reshaped if necessary.) Insert amalgam in drier state than for hand pressure.

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The two men hadn't met for about fifteen years.

"And is your wife as pretty as she used to be?" asked the first.

"Oh, yes," replied the second, "but it takes her much longer."

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The doctor was visiting Rastus' wife to deliver her twelfth offspring. Riding along with Rastus, he saw a duck in the road. The doctor asked:

"Whose duck is that?"

"'At ain't no duck, doctuh," said Rastus, "'At's a stork wid his legs wore off."

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Mrs. Gossip: "So your daughter is about to marry. Do you really feel she is ready for the battle of life?"

Mrs. Chatter: "She should be. She's been in four engagements already."

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Wifey: "That's a funny looking hair on your coat."

Hubby: "Now don't get excited. That's a horse hair."

Wifey: "I know; that's what's funny."

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Kindly Clergyman (pinching little boy's knee): "And who has nice, chubby pink legs?"

Little Boy: "Mamma."

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"Say how did you make out in that pie-eating contest?"

"Oh, Bert came in first and I came in sickened."

He: "Honey, I heard you were in a jam so I came over. I'm always on the spot when a feller needs a friend."

She: "Well, meet my girl chum. This is a case of where a friend needs a feller."

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Wife: "So your client was acquitted of murder? On what ground?"

Lawyer: "Insanity. We proved his father had spent five years in an asylum."

Wife: "But he didn't, did he?"

Lawyer: "Yes. He was a doctor there but we had no time to bring that fact out."

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She: "So you met your wife at a night club? My, that must have been romantic."

He: "Huh! It was disastrous. She thought I was working at the office."

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"I'd be a rich man today if it weren't for liquor."

"Oh, so you drink too much?"

"No, I sell lemonade."

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First Steno: "Why, dearie, the boys run after my kisses."

Second Steno: "So what? After mine they limp."

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Judith: "I think Salome's dance before Herod lacked originality."

Harold: "Why?"

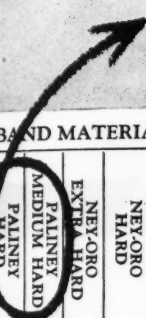
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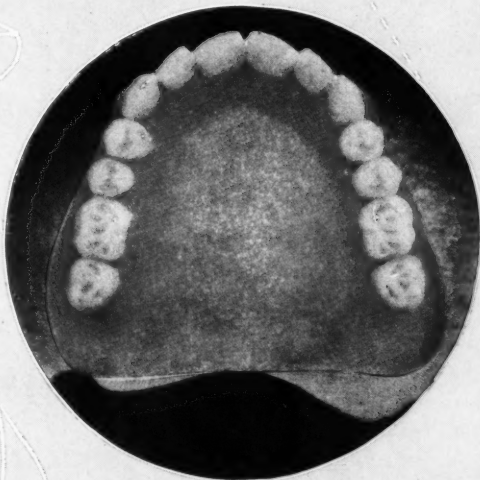
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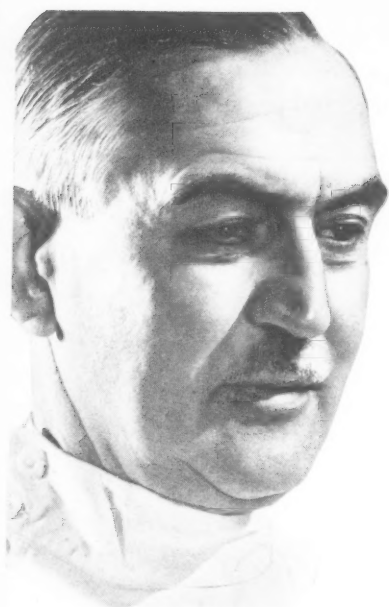
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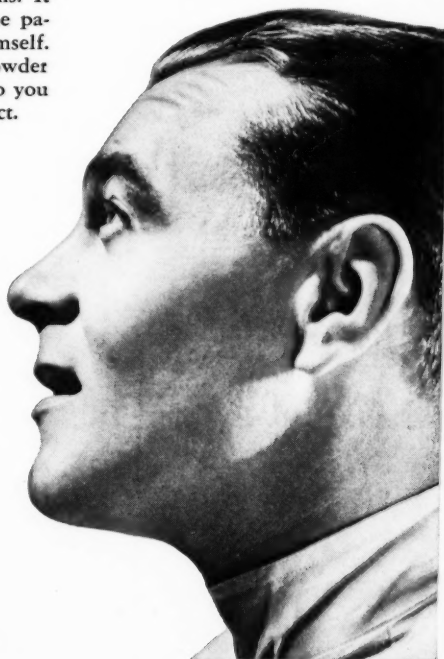
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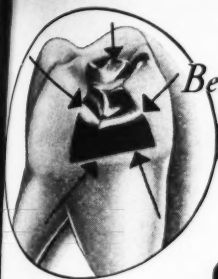


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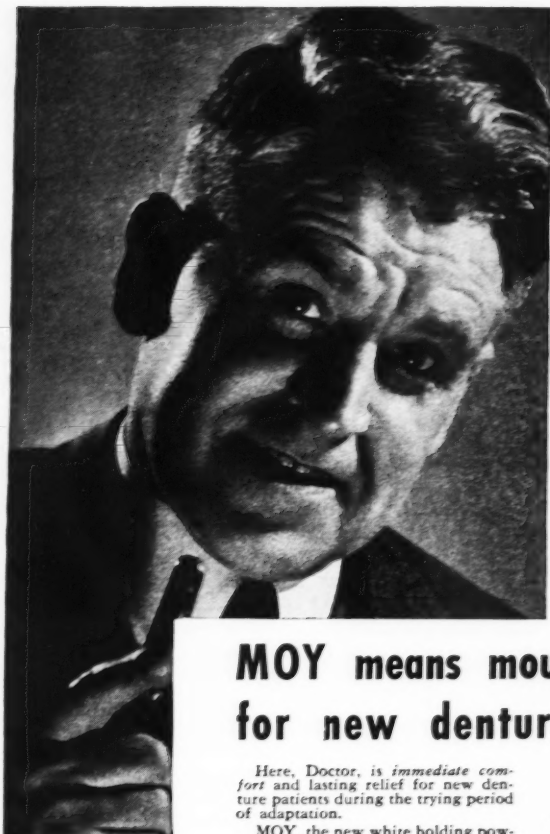
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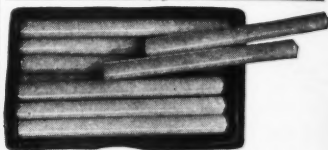
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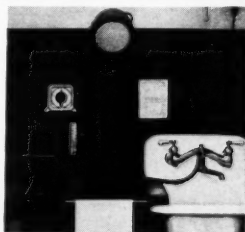


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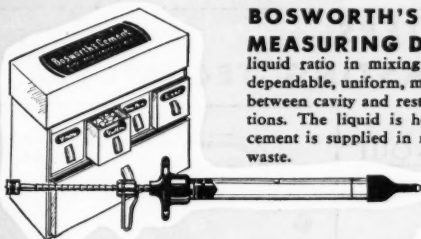
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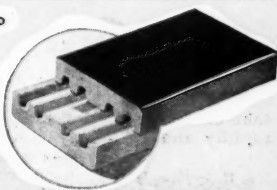
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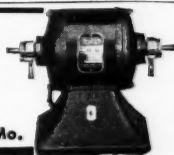
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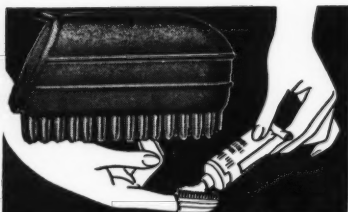
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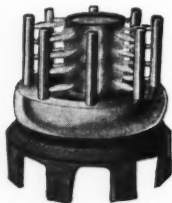
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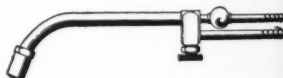
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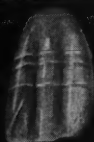
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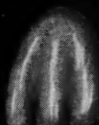
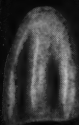
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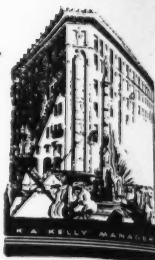
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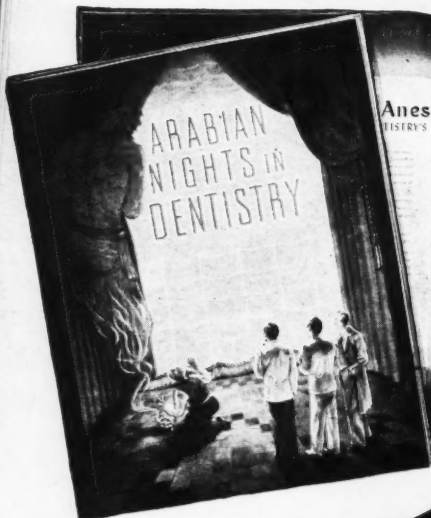
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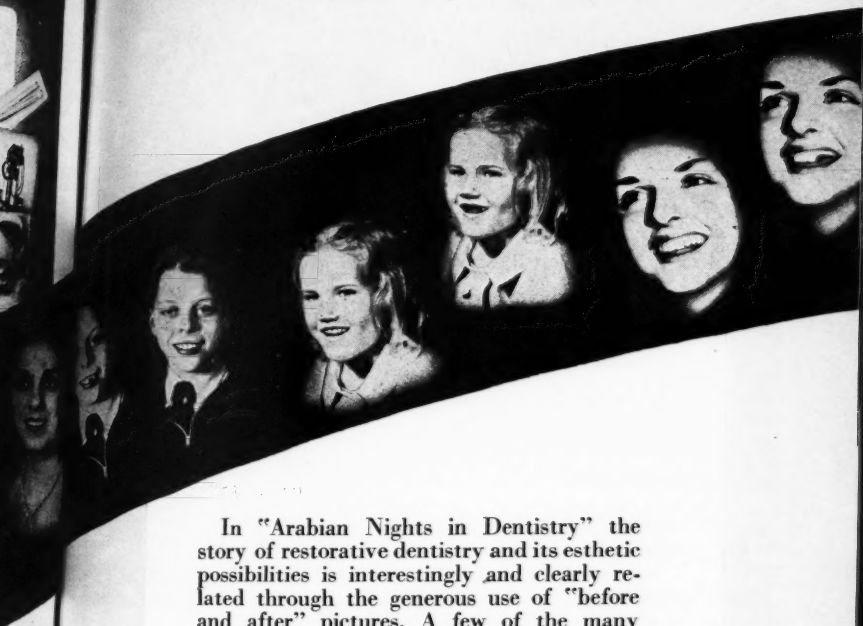


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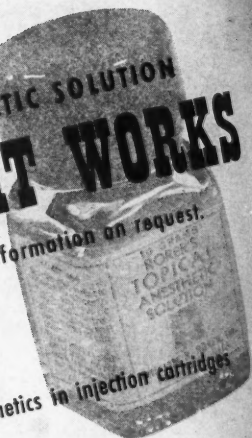
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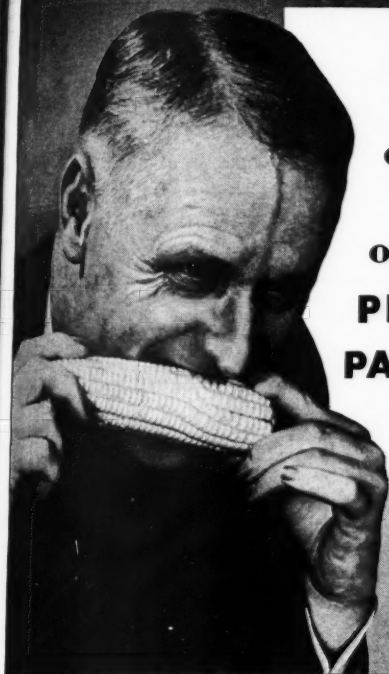
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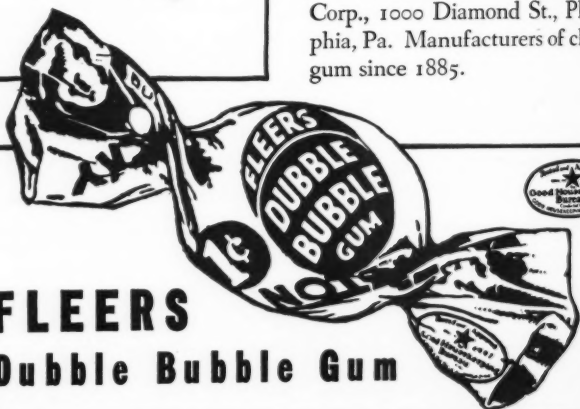
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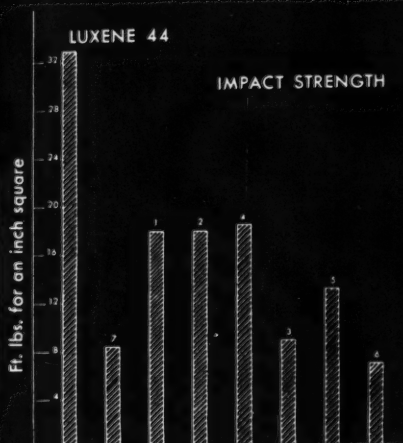
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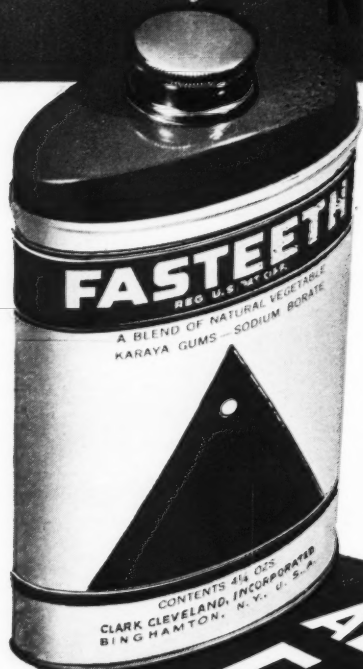
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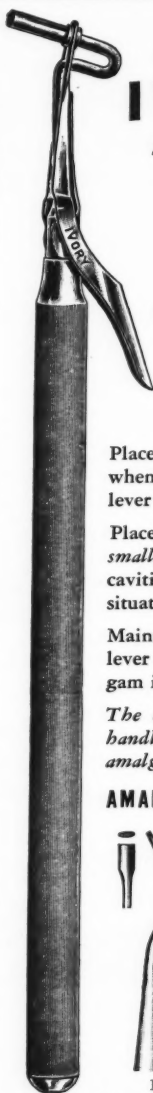
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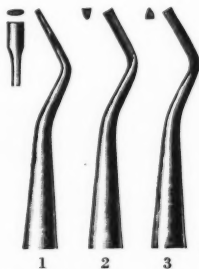
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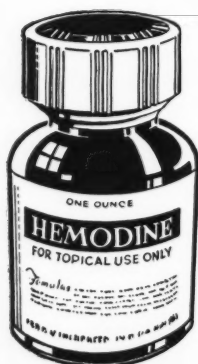
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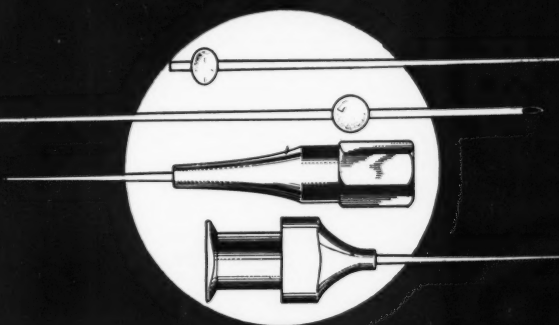


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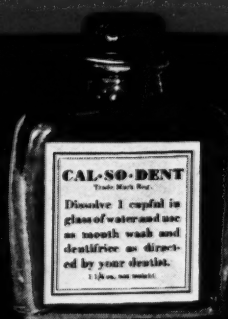
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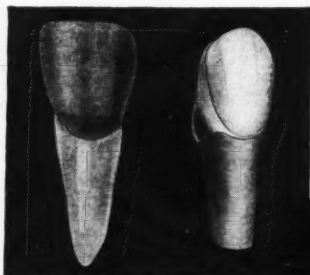
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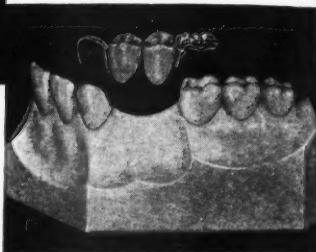
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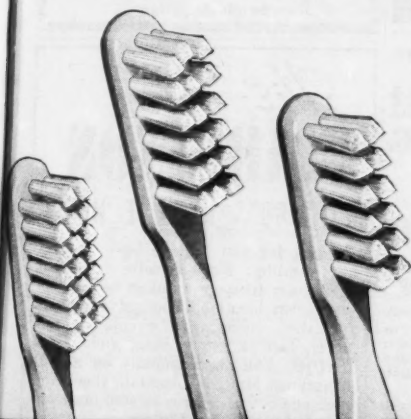
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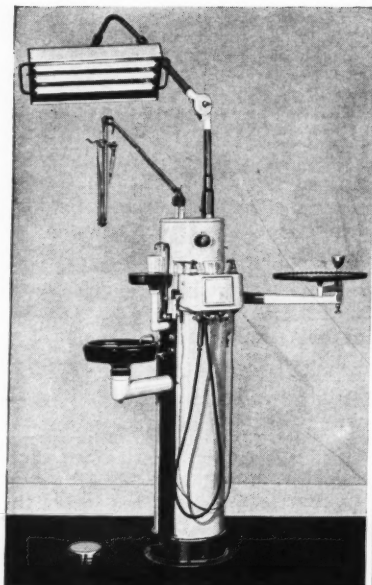
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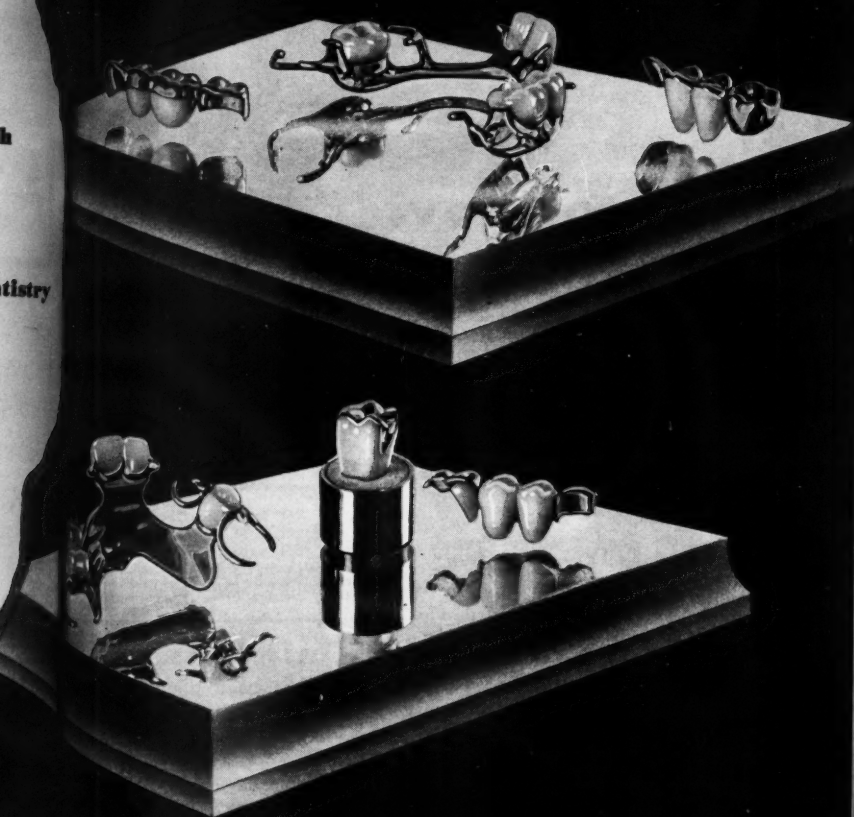
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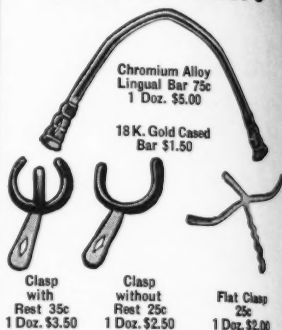
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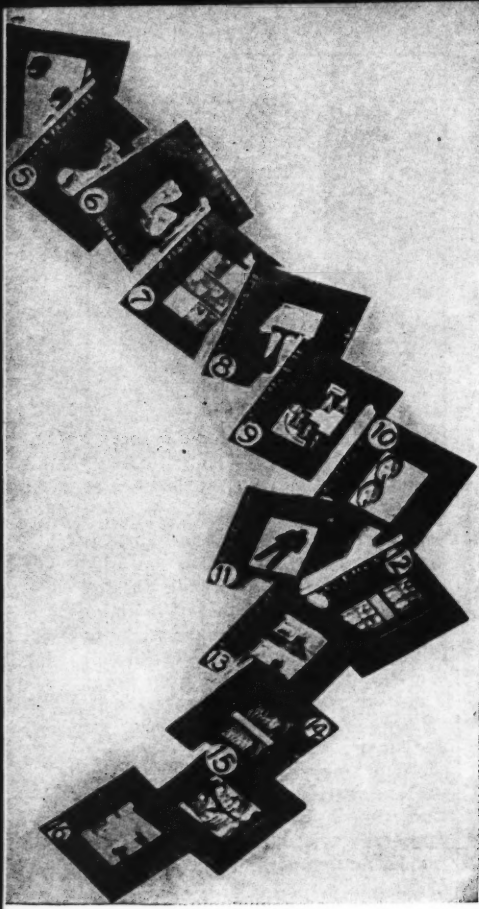
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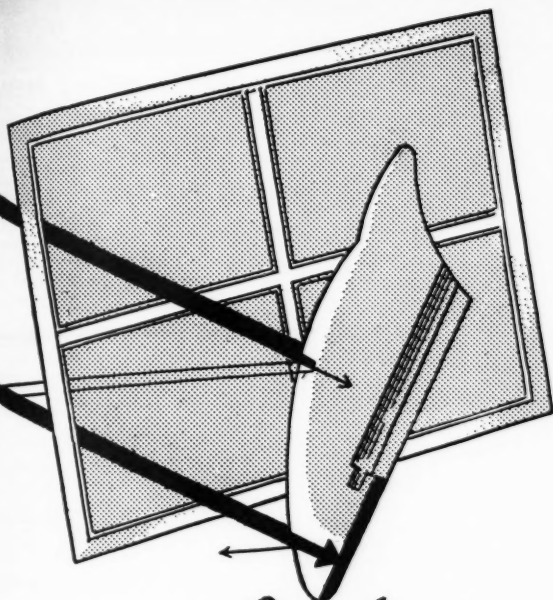


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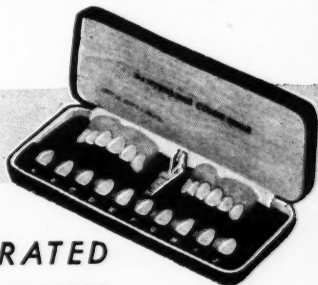


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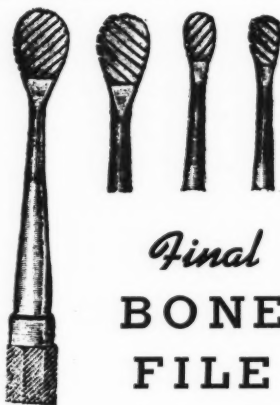
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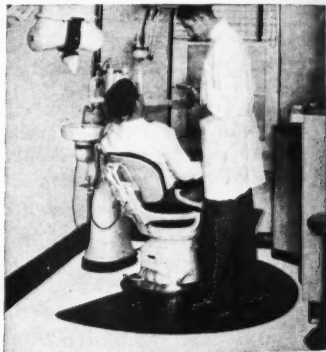
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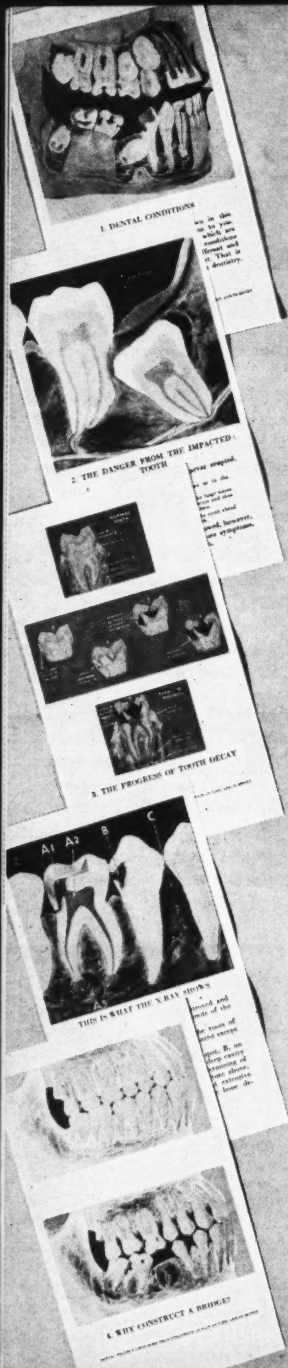
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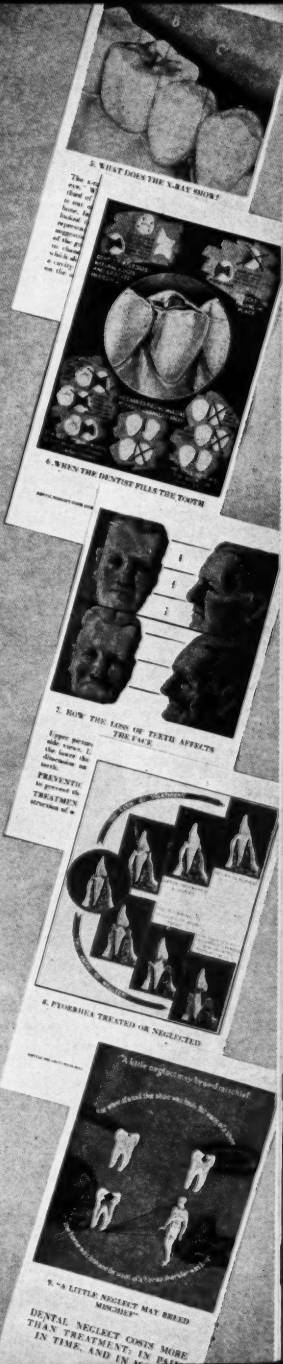
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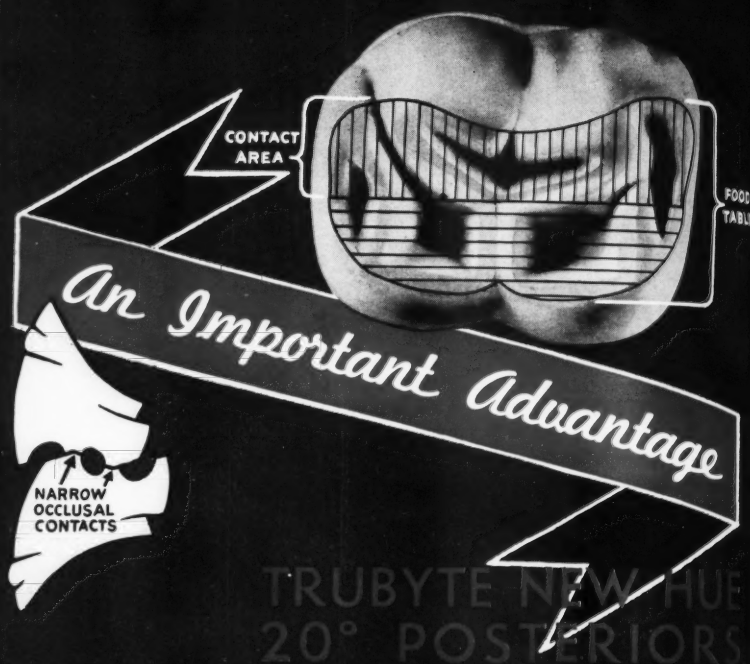
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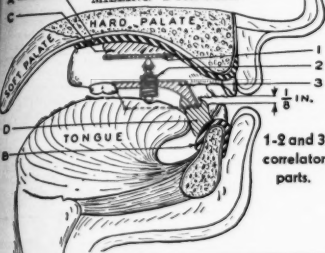
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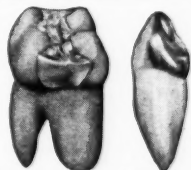
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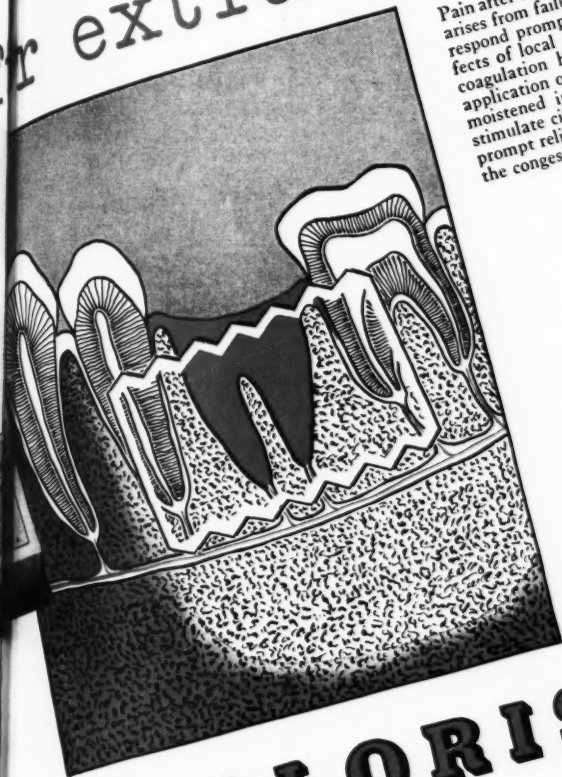
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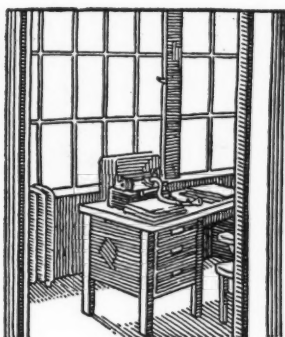
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"After reading the CORNER in June ORAL HYGIENE, I certainly can see why most dentists have an inferiority complex. I do not agree with the author's attitude; but if I did, I would have two inferiority complexes.

"Granting that 95 per cent of dentistry is reparative, I think it requires a great deal of skill (instead of a little bit of mechanical skill, as the author states) if we only half strive towards the ideal.

"As to the monotony as years go by, and the work becoming worse and worse, I can only say that no two cases and no two persons are alike: each case provides a new interest which requires thought and application. We should, therefore, increase our knowledge and skill as the years go by—making us better and better dentists. At least that is the way it should be if senility does not creep upon us too soon.

"Now I will compare the educational status of a physician to that of a dentist. Are we not all high school graduates, with the same type of course required for entrance? Is not the medical curriculum the same as the dental, four years? There was just one year difference between the pre-medical and the pre-dental course, which had very little bearing, if any. At present, most universities require two years' preparatory work for both; when it was less, most medical courses were also shorter. Where should the inferiority complex come in? Do we not take all the general courses of fundamental science, and finally specialize in dentistry? The medical men learn to take care of the whole body in the same length of time. Yet we know nothing, but the medical men know all about everything. You surely give the medical men credit for colossal brains.

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ing I would want to practice medicine, or I would have taken up medicine. I think that holds true for the majority of dentists; we are not trying to fly under false colors. We may think a patient needs an appendectomy, hysterectomy, thyroidotomy, *ad infinitum*. Our diagnosis may even be correct, but do we tell the patient to tell his physician to remove such and such? We do not—but they certainly do not hesitate to tell us what to do in our line. I might add that if the majority of physicians knew one-tenth as much about dentistry as we do about general medicine, they would be in a better position to interfere in our business than they now are.

"Yes, we believe in cooperating with the medical men, but their telling us what to do is a different matter. Yet we contend with just that sort of thing every day. I understand that most medical schools give their students meagre knowledge, if any, pertaining to the science of dentistry. Does the privilege of signing a death certificate, or the bestowing of an M. D. degree, endow them with such complete and divine knowledge of anything and everything? To me it does not.

"Judging 'both professions strictly on their merits, you find a very wide margin in favor of the medical man'—yes, true, from an inferiority-complex point of view, or when one thinks everyone is a better man than himself—but not from the point of view of one who believes 'no one thinks anything of you unless you do yourself.'"

"You say medicine is a 'must' profession. Well, it is all in the way you look at it. When you want a house built, artisans are very necessary, and theirs are 'must' trades. The same holds true when you're charged with murder—then the lawyer belongs to a 'must' profession. And when dental services are needed, dentistry is a 'must' profession. So I don't know why we have to hold our heads a little lower than medical men. Of course, I realize that to be humble is a true virtue, because we all know so little and are so unimportant. And the proof of it lies in the fact that teeth still decay and patients become edentulous, and people get sick and die prematurely in spite of all the progress of science.

"The admission that someone is 'a better man than I' never hurt anyone, true, but does the M. D. title make it so? Is he a better physician than I am a dentist, or does he possess more general knowledge than I? Then why should we be submissive and kowtow to any man because he happens to have an M. D. degree?

"Now as to the use of the title 'Doctor.' If my memory serves me well, 'doctor' means 'teacher.' Who gave medical men the right to think that they have a mortgage on it? I grant you *they* do think so, but that does not make it so, and I, for one, will not relinquish it without a fight. Do not misunderstand me; I am not inflated by the 'Doctor' title. I would be the first to sign a petition to do away with it, that is, for *all* professions. I really

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Evolution of the Tooth Brush

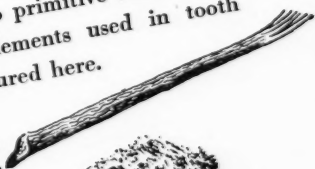
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Answer: Uniform particles of microscopic size (10 microns) insure complete and *uniform reaction* between cement powder and liquid. Such *controlled* reaction permits a greater amount of powder to be thoroughly incorporated into a homogeneous, plastic mix which in turn produces a denser, stronger, more impervious cement.

We show in highly magnified proportion an illustration of particles of Fleck's Cement. The fineness of the particles, which measure a maximum of 10 microns, and *their phenomenal uniformity at that size* are two important reasons why Fleck's Cements develop such great density and such resistance to compression, disintegration, penetration and solubility. It is also a reason why you can set the most finely adapted work with a tremendously dense, neutral-setting mix of Fleck's Cement.

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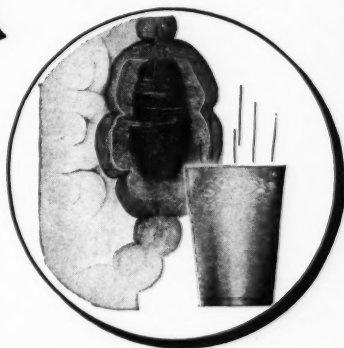
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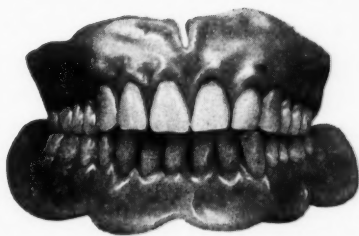
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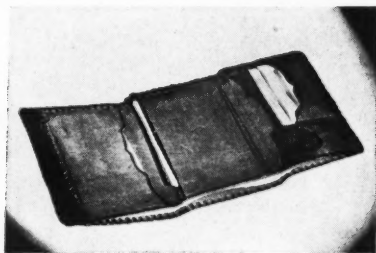
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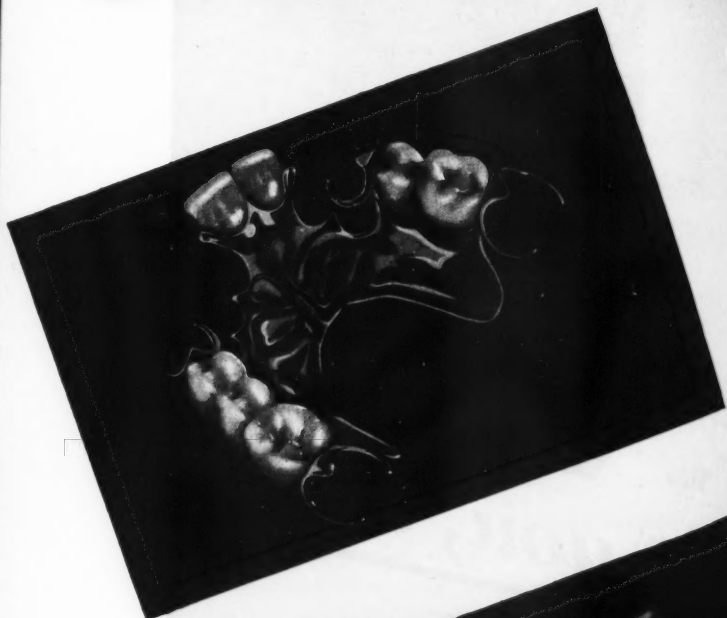
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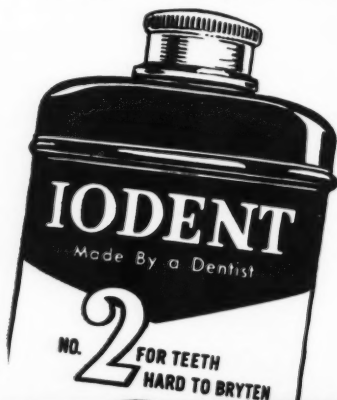
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